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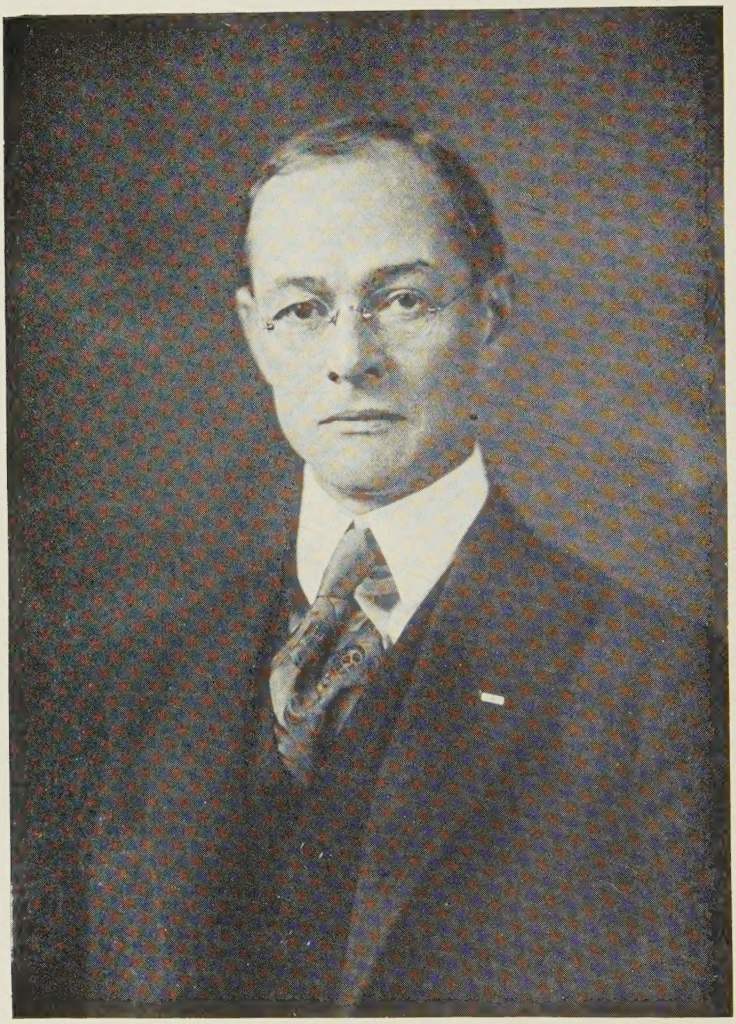


N. E. Adams

Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley

Asael E. Adams, president of the first National and Dollar Banks of Youngstown, director in many industrial concerns, and among the most active and influential figures in the business life of the Mahoning Valley, is descended from the pioneers of this country. He was born at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1867, his father being Comfort A. Adams and his mother Catharine (Peticolos) Adams. The father was born in Connecticut of pure Yankee stock dating back to the first Colonial governor and a collateral relative of John Quincy Adams. The mother was of French Huguenot stock. They came to the Western Reserve early in life and resided at Warren for a time, Comfort A. Adams having been during his residence there one of the early editors of the Western Reserve Chronicle. After the Civil war the family removed to Cleveland, where the father was engaged in manufacturing until his death.

Asael E. Adams supplemented studies in the common schools of Cleveland by a course in mechanical engineering at the Case School of Applied Science. His first active work was as a draftsman, and in 1893 he came to Youngstown in the capacity of secretary of the Mahoning Abstract Company. His work in that capacity led to his being elected secretary of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company when the latter was organized in 1895. In 1898 he was elected treasurer of that institution, serving as secretary at the same time. In 1902 he was chosen president of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company. Five years later Mr. Adams was elected president of the First National Bank, and he has filled the dual position of president of these two great institutions since that time.

Although disinclined to admit its possession, Asael E. Adams has demonstrated a degree of financial ability and foresight quite unusual. He is a deep student of economic and financial questions, and his advice is much sought upon such subjects. Few men are so well and widely informed along these lines, and few men are at the same time so thoroughly conversant with other domains of thought and action. As might be expected, Mr. Adams has been and is a leader in the industrial activity of his city, as well as in all movements looking toward its betterment from a physical, social or business point of view. He is a director in the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, the Youngstown Dry Goods Company, the Youngstown Steel Car Company, the Ohio Iron & Steel Company, the Youngstown Foundry & Machine Company the Electric Alloy Steel Company, the Federal Holding Company, and many other Youngstown concerns. He is a member of the Ohio & Pennsylvania Canal Commission, one of the executive committee of the Mahoning War Chest Council, and actively interested in almost every public movement in the City of Youngstown. He is a republican and attends the First Unitarian Church, is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, and the Elks Club of Youngstown, also of the Union Club and the Mayfield Country Club of Cleveland.

Mr. Adams was married in 1896 to Anna Julia Shook, of Youngstown, and they have two children, Comfort Avery and Asael Edward, Jr.

Myron I. Arms. For practically three-quarters of a century the name of Arms has been prominently connected with many of the leading industrial, commercial and financial institutions of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. While it may be true that their lives have not attracted attention for their unusual brilliance or any picturesque or erratic qualities, yet they have been the kind out of which the warp and woof of the substance that goes to make up the continuous achievement of humanity is made. Each member of the family has acted well his part in life and, while primarily interested in his own affairs, he has not been unmindful of the general welfare, contributing to the upbuilding and improvement of the community in a very definite degree.

The progenitor of the Arms family in America, and from whom all of that name in this country have descended, was William Arms, a native of Great Britain, who came to America in young manhood. At Hadley, Massachusetts, he was married to Joanna Hawks, and later moved to Deerfield, Massachusetts, where several generations of his family lived. He was a stocking knitter by trade and was a man of prominence in that community, holding several local public offices. He fought the Indians at Great Falls where Gill, Massachusetts, now stands. He died in 1731 and his wife in 1739, and both lie buried at Deerfield. Among their children was William, who married Rebecca Nash. To them was born Daniel, who married Esther Smead, and they were the parents of Consider Arms, whose wife was Mercy Catlin. To these latter was born Israel Arms, who married Sarah Axtell, and to them were born five children, namely: Myron I., (I) married Emeline E. Warner; Jane M., the wife of Joseph B. Wilder; Freemon O., married Emily Proscieus; Charles D., married Hannah M. Wick; Sophia B., the wife of Henry Manning. To Myron I. (I) and Emeline E. (Warner) Arms were born the following six children: Mary, the wife of Henry Wick; Warner, deceased, who married Fannie E. Wick;

Myron I. (II), who married Almira A. Hitchcock; Emeline E., the wife of Dr. George S. Peck; Jane M., the wife of Charles F. Hofer; Harriet E., the wife of Charles H. Booth. To Warner and Fannie E. (Wick) Arms was born Myron I. Arms III.

Myron I. Arms (I) was born at Sodus, New York, in 1829, and was there educated. In 1846, at the age of seventeen years, he came to Youngstown, Ohio, and obtained employment as a clerk in the general store of Jonathan Warner, whose daughter, Emeline E., he eventually married. Some time afterward he embarked in mercantile pursuits on his own responsibility, in which he was successful. Subsequently he became a coal operator and also was interested in the Eagle Furnace at Brier Hill. He became widely known as a capable and successful business man, strictly upright in his relations with his fellow men, and a splendid neighbor. He died, universally honored and respected, in 1864.

Myron I. Arms (II) was born in Youngstown on January 30, 1854, and after attending the public chools and the Rayen School, was a student in Cornell College for one year. His business career had its beginning as a bank clerk, but later he engaged in the iron business in Niles, which he continued until the property was sold in 1900. Following in the footsteps of his father, he has confined his attention largely to commercial pursuits and is now prominently identified with the General Fireproofing Company, being chairman of the board of directors, president of the Ohio Leather Company, and is also a director of the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings and Trust Company. His accomplishments have been altogether worthy in all the lines in which he has directed his energies, his career having been one of close and fruitful identification with business interests of magnitude, in which he has gained marked prestige. Because of his success and of his sterling traits of character he has commanded uniform confidence and regard among his business associates and the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Arms was married to Almira A. Hitchcock, the daughter of William J. and Mary (Peebles) Hitchcock, and to them has been born a daughter, Almira, who is the wife of Paul Wick, of Youngstown.

Wilford P. Arms. The success of men in business or any vocation depends upon character as well as upon knowledge, it being a self-evident proposition that honesty is the best policy. Business demands confidence and where that is lacking business ends. In every community some men are known for their upright lives, strong common sense and moral worth rather than for their wealth or high political standing. Among such men in Youngstown is he whose name appears at the head of this paragraph, a man who has not only been progressive in his private affairs, successful in material pursuits, but a man of modest, unassuming demeanor, a fine type of the reliable, self-made American who always stands ready to unite with his fellows in every good work and active in the support of laudable public enterprises. In every respect he merits the high esteem in which he is held because of his public spirit, enterprise and splendid character.

The subject of this sketch is descended from old English stock whose advent on American soil was so far back in colonial history that the family is pretty thoroughly Americanized by this time. The first of the name in this country was William Arms, a native of England, who came to this country in young manhood, and who was married here in 1677 to Joanna Hawks. He first lived at Hadley, Massachusetts, where he followed his trade, that of a stocking knitter. Later he moved to Deerfield, Massachusetts, where most of his eight children were born. He served in the Indian fight at Great Falls, where now stands Gill, Massachusetts. He died in 1731 and is buried at Deerfield. Among his children was William Arms, who was noted as a Puritan and for his deep religious convictions. To his marriage with Rebecca Nash was born Daniel Arms, who married Esther Smead. Then follow Consider Arms, married Mary Catlin; Daniel Arms, married Luany Crosby; Lawson Arms, born in 1817, married Harriet A. Paddock; Wilford P. Arms, the immediate subject of this sketch. It is a matter of family pride that the various members of the Arms family through nearly two and a half centuries of history in America have been honest, industrious and law-abiding, with a deep reverence for Deity and for all religious matters. They have filled many local public offices with fidelity and have been found engaged in various vocations. Members of the family served in the various American wars, supporting the colonies in their struggle for independence, in the second war against Great Britain and thereafter they have been found stanchly loyal to the United States.

Wilford P. Arms was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on December 14, 1861, being the eldest of three children born to his parents. In 1871, when he was about ten years of age, the family returned to their native village, Sodus, New York, where the subject attended the public schools and completed his studies at Sodus Academy. He remained on his father's farm until 1881, when he obtained employment with Powers, Brown & Company, a Youngstown corporation operating coal mines at Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania. A few years later he engaged in the quarrying of marble near Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1888 Mr. Arms came to Youngstown, where he has since resided with the exception of two years spent in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at which time he became identified with the original organization of the Pittsburgh Coal Company. Since coming to the Mahoning Valley he has been identified with several of the largest corporations operating in this locality, among which have been the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, the Falcon Iron and Nail Company of Niles, Ohio, the Warren Rolling Mill Company of Warren Ohio, and the Trumbull Iron Company of Girard, Ohio. Since 1909 Mr. Arms' interests have been confined more closely to the City of Youngstown, and during the greater part of that time he has been identified with the Realty Trust Company, of which he is vice president. He also has other affiliations with large business enterprises here and is numbered among the leaders in business circles. During the

recent World war Mr. Arms held the federal appointment of fuel administrator for Mahoning County, a position entailing a vast amount of work and responsibility, and discharged his duties in a manner that earned for him the commendation of all who knew of his work in that relation.

In 1899 Mr. Arms was married to Olive F. Arms, a distant relative, the daughter of Charles Dayton Arms, granddaughter of Myron Israel Arms and great-granddaughter of Consider and Mary (Catlin) Arms. The record of testimony is ample that Mr. Arms is a good citizen in the full sense of the term, and he enjoys to a marked degree the respect and esteem of those who know him for his business ability, his interest in public affairs and his upright living.

Fred Montgomery Orr. It is a well-attested maxim that the greatness of the state lies not in the machinery of the Government, or even in its institutions, but in the sterling qualities of its individual citizens, in their capacity for high and useful effort and unselfish endeavor and their devotion to the public good. To this class belongs Fred M. Orr, head and general manager of the undertaking establishment of John S. Orr & Son of Youngstown. A lifelong residence in this community has but served to strengthen his hold on the good opinions of those who have known him throughout his career. He has at all times been actuated by highest motives and lofty principles, and the history of Mahoning County should certainly contain his record, so intimately has he been connected with her history.

Fred Montgomery Orr was born in Youngstown in 1874 and is the son of John S. and Sarah (Montgomery) Orr. The father died on July 10, 1911, and is survived by his widow, who still resides in Youngstown. She is a daughter of Joseph and Nancy Montgomery and a sister of Randall Montgomery. John S. Orr became a member of the firm of Gillman, Orr & Company, who opened a furniture and undertaking establishment in 1870. Later the firm style was changed to Shields, Orr & Company, but some years afterward Mr. Orr withdrew from the firm and engaged in business on his own account, giving his attention to undertaking exclusively. His first place of business was where the Woolworth store is now located, whence he moved to the Davis Block. In 1885 he moved to the present location of the business and erected the building now used as the office of John S. Orr & Son. The business steadily increased, until it became necessary to build additions, which now extend to Boardman Street.

John S. Orr was born on January 15, 1842, and in young manhood learned the trade of a carpenter. During the Civil war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-Second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served valiantly for three years, or until he was disabled by having an ankle fractured. From that time until the close of the war he served in the quartermaster's department. He lived at New Brighton, Pennsylvania, until 1858 or 1859, when he came to Youngstown. In 1869 doctors advised him that he had tuberculosis and should move to a more desirable climate, in consequence of which he spent one year at Garnet, Kansas. The physician's diagnosis proved to be wrong, however, and he returned to Youngstown, where he spent the remainder of his days in the enjoyment of good health. On February 16, 1863, while at home on a furlough from the army, he was married at New Castle, Pennsylvania, to Sarah Montgomery, who was born on July 17, 1842. Mr. Orr was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife, of the Episcopal. After their marriage they joined the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, with which they ever afterward affiliated. Mr. Orr was a member of the Masonic Order, in which he had taken the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite, being a past commander of St. John's Commandery, and of the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; he also belonged to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was deeply interested in local public affairs and served efficiently as a member of the city council. He possessed great executive ability and was a natural leader of men. To him and his wife were born four children, namely: Edith, the wife of C. H. Kennedy, president of the Commercial National Bank, Youngstown; Bessie, who lives with her mother; Nellie A., the widow of Dr. J. B. Orwig, of Toledo, Ohio; and Fred M., the two last named being twins.

Fred Montgomery Orr was born March 6, 1874, and secured his elementary education in the public schools of Youngstown. He then attended and graduated from the Peekskill Military Academy at Peekskill on the Hudson River, near West Point, in June, 1892. Since that time he has been closely connected with the business founded by his father, and which has been known as John S. Orr & Son since 1900. He is a graduate of the Champion School of Embalming at Springfield, Ohio, and Clark's School of Embalming at Cincinnati, and is well qualified for the work to which he is devoting himself.

On October 7, 1902, Mr. Orr was married to Harriet Sims, a daughter of John D. Sims and a graduate of the Training School for Nurses of the Pennsylvania Hospital. To them has been born a daughter, Letitia Jane. Mrs. Orr was an enthusiastic worker in war activities and served as chairman of the local Red Cross from December, 1916, to November, 1918, embracing the duration of the war, her record being 100 per cent.

Politically Fred M. Orr is an earnest supporter of the republican party and is deeply interested in civic affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, being a past commander of St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, and also belongs to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Protective Home Circle. Socially he is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce, while religiously he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Genial and obliging in manner, Mr. Orr has won a host of warm friends and is highly esteemed throughout the community.

Peter J. Burke. Beginning life for himself at the foot of the ladder of attainments, Peter J. Burke has steadily forged his way upward and onward, and is now superintendent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of the Youngstown District, which

comprises both Mahoning and Trumbull counties. A son of James Burke, he was born August 13, 1867, in Pittston, Pennsylvania, coming of Irish ancestry on both sides of the house.

Born in County Sligo, Ireland, James Burke was brought to the United States by his parents when a child, and has since made his home in Pittston, Pennsylvania, being now a venerable man of four score years. He served as a soldier during the Civil war, and was afterward in the grocery business, and also an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He married Annie Gallagher, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and as a young girl came with her parents to America, settling in Pittston, Pennsylvania, where she still resides, a bright and active woman of seventy-six years. Eight children blessed their union, seven of whom are now living, Peter J. being the first born child.

When a lad of but ten summers Peter J. Burke was picking slate out of the coal at the Pittston mines, and subsequently worked around the mines in minor capacities for a number of years. Ambitious to advance his education, he attended Woods' Business College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1889 and 1890, paying his expenses with money earned by the hardest kind of work. He was subsequently engaged in the grocery business at Pittston for two years, and on giving that up became associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as an agent. In that capacity, Mr. Burke has been variously located, first in Jackson, Michigan, then in Findlay, Ohio, and later in East Liverpool, Ohio, from there coming in 1903 to Youngstown, where he has since remained, performing the duties devolving upon him as superintendent of the district in a highly satisfactory manner to all concerned.

Mr. Burke married, December 30, 1891, Mary Cooney, who was born in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Patrick Cooney. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have five children living, namely: James, now with the Ohio City Gas Company in Columbus, serving during the World war for twenty months in the Signal Corps, and though he fought in two major engagements and one minor engagement and was under shell fire much of the time, returned from over seas a top sergeant; Mary, living at home; Paul, who was a student officer in the training camp at Notre Dame, Indiana, is now attending the Ohio State University; Joseph, attending the Rayen High School; and Ethel, attending the Ursuline Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke and their family are members of St. Edwards Catholic Church, and for a long time Mr. Burke has been an active member of the Council of St. Edwards Parish. For three successive years he was grand knight of the Youngstown Council, Knights of Columbus. Recently Mr. Burke purchased a beautiful home on Bryson Street, adjoining the Wick estate, and there he and his family are enjoying all the advantages of both city and country life.

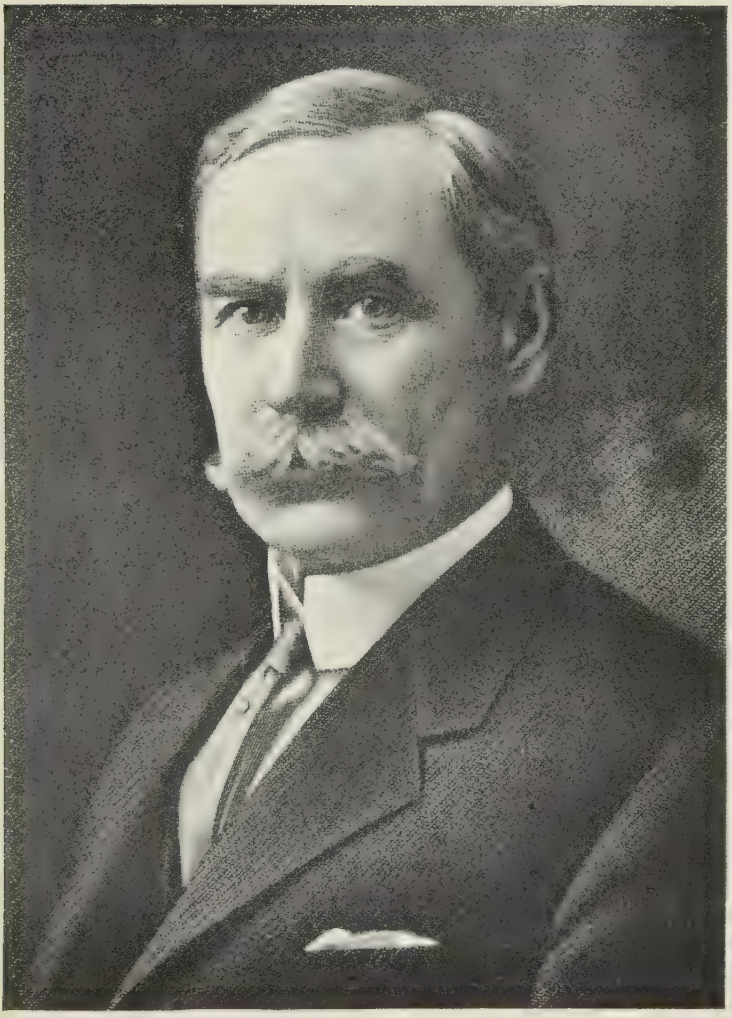
J. A. CAMPBELL was born at Ohltown, Trumbull County, September 11, 1854. His father was a native of the United States and a farmer by occupation. The son attended the public schools, later entering Hiram College. While a student at that institution he received the appointment and passed the examination for entrance to West Point Military Academy. Circumstances prevented his adoption of a military career, however, and he soon afterward became a clerk in a coal office at Youngstown. With a brief experience in that line he engaged in the hardware business with a local concern and followed this occupation for five years. He then organized the Youngstown Ice Company and conducted it until 1890, when he entered the iron and steel business as general superintendent of the Trumbull Iron Company at Warren. Some time later this company was consolidated with the Union Iron & Steel Company, and that company placed Mr. Campbell in charge of its plant at Pomeroy, Ohio. This position he resigned in 1897 to become general superintendent of the Mahoning Valley Iron Company at Youngstown, and when the latter was purchased by the Republic Iron & Steel Company, became district manager for the Youngstown district.

In 1901 Mr. Campbell resigned his position with the Republic Iron & Steel Company to organize a corporation for the manufacture of sheets and pipe under the name of the Youngstown Iron, Sheet & Tube Company. He held the position of vice president and general manager in this corporation until July 26, 1904, at which time it had become an important concern, the capital having been increased from $600,000 to $4,000,000. He was then elected president of the company, a position he has since held and in which he has seen the company become one of the great industrial concerns of the world and one of the most important manufacturing corporations in Ohio.

While discharging his duties as head of this corporation Mr. Campbell has always found time to take an active and helpful interest in the affairs of his community. He is always found at the head of movements intended to benefit the city in which he lives, and during the period of the World war gave unsparingly of his time and ability on behalf of every activity calculated to strengthen the hands of the government or contribute to the success of the American arms, whether it was by increasing the amount of war material, providing funds for the prosecution of the war, or stimulating the generosity of the public on behalf of war work. He was chairman of the committee on tubular products during the war, and had charge of the allocation of all material in that line made in the United States. For his conspicuous services in this capacity he was knighted by the French Government after the close of hostilities.

Mr. Campbell has been president of the Mahoning County War Chest Council, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and has led almost every public movement of important character in the City of Youngstown for years, in spite of the fact that his home, a beautiful country place recently erected, is located in Trumbull County.

Mr. Campbell is a director of the American Iron & Steel Institute, the Mahoning Ore & Steel Company, the Crete Mining Company, the Balkan Mining Company, the Carbon Limestone Company, the First National Bank of Youngstown, the Dollar Savings & Trust Company of Youngstown, the



J. H. Campbell

Electric Alloy Steel Company, the Youngstown Steel Car Company and other enterprises. He is president of the Crete Mining Company, the Youngstown Ice Company, the Buckeye Coal Company, the Central Store Company, the Crystal Ice & Storage Company, the Buckeye Land Company, and chairman of the board of directors of the Continental Supply Company.

He is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Duquesne Club, Pittsburg; the Kitchi Gammi Club, Duluth, and the India House, New York City. In politics he is a republican. He plays golf occasionally, but finds his chief pleasure in business and his recreation principally in reading.

Mr. Campbell was married January 15, 1880, his wife being Uretta, a daughter of Mr. Place, a resident of Corry, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Louis J., who enlisted at the beginning of the European war and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the artillery service in France, and who is now president of the Electric Alloy Steel Company; Helen Marie; and Rebecca Walton, who married Captain John Stambaugh, II.

Myron E. Dennison. The study of the life of the representative American never fails to offer much of pleasing interest and valuable instruction, developing a mastery of expedients which has brought about most wonderful results. Myron E. Dennison, vice president of the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings Bank and Trust Company of Youngstown, is a worthy representative of that type of American character and of that progressive spirit which promote public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests. He has long been prominently identified with the business interests of Youngstown, and while his varied interests have brought him success they have also advanced the general welfare by accelerating industrial activity.

Myron E. Dennison is a scion of old Ohio pioneer stock, his paternal grandfather, Henry Dennison, having come to this state when it was largely a wilderness, establishing himself in Liberty Township, Trumbull County, not far from the present City of Youngstown. William Dennison, the son of Henry and the father of Myron E., was born and reared there. After attaining manhood he came to Youngstown and here learned the carpenter trade. Subsequently he went to Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where for ten years he was engaged in farming. Returning to Youngstown in 1866, he again engaged at the carpenter trade, finally becoming a contractor and builder. He helped build the old Tod House and the present Fordyce Building, but for the most part built residence property. He was twice married, his second wife having been Priscilla Jordan, who was born about six miles west of Youngstown, the daughter of Abram and Sarah (Gardner) Jordan, pioneer settlers in that locality. Among their children is the subject of this review.

Myron E. Dennison was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, on September 6, 1862, and was about four years of age when the family returned to Youngstown. Here he was reared and attended the public schools, graduating from the high school. In December, 1880, he entered upon his first active employment as a messenger in the First National Bank, and so faithfully did he perform the duties assigned him that in two years thereafter he was appointed a teller in that institution. In June, 1896, only sixteen years after he first entered the bank, he was elected its cashier, occupying that position until he became vice president of the bank, and at the same time became vice president of the Dollar Savings Bank and Trust Company. He has been an active factor in the splendid success which has characterized the history of the First National and is one of the most popular members of its official personnel. Mr. Dennison is also financially interested in other enterprises, being vice president and a director of the Wilkins-Leonard Hardware Company, secretary and treasurer of the Central Store Company, and is a stockholder in other local concerns. He is recognized as a business man of more than ordinary ability, whose judgment is seldom at fault.

On October 17, 1888, Mr. Dennison was united in marriage with Anne C. Slosson, and to their union two children have been born, Martha and David. During the World war David entered the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, from which he was given a second lieutenant's commission. He was assigned to the Three Hundred and Thirty-Second Regiment of United States Infantry, with which he went to France. Later he was sent to Italy, where he participated in the last battle on the Piave front.

The daughter, Martha, graduated from the Rayen High School and later from Smith College. After spending about six years in preparatory work she took up Young Woman's Christian Association work and in 1918 went to Jubbulbore, India, where she is now stationed.

Mr. Dennison has ever since attaining maturity taken a deep interest in public affairs and has been an effective worker for the upbuilding and development of Youngstown's commercial and industrial interests. For four years he served as a member of the city council from the First Ward. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and, since its organization, has been a trustee of the Youngstown Association of Credit. He has been a stanch supporter of the Young Men's Christian Association, serving efficiently as its president for eleven years, ending in 1917. Socially he is a member of the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club. Although his life has been a busy one, his every-day affairs making heavy demands upon his time, he has never shrunk from his duties as a citizen and his obligations to his neighbors and his friends, and to a marked degree he enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

Philip J. Thompson. One of the prominent figures in the recent history of Youngstown is Philip J. Thompson, too well known to the readers of this work to need any formal introduction here, a man actively identified with the business interests of Youngstown and vicinity. Equally noted as a business man of enterprise and ability and as a public-spirited citizen, he holds today distinctive precedence as one of the most progressive men of this community. Strong mental powers, invincible courage

and a determined purpose have so entered into his composition as to render him a dominant factor in the business world and a leader of men in important enterprises.

Philip J. Thompson, president of the Stambaugh-Thompson Company of Youngstown, comes from old and honored families of this locality. James H. Thompson, his father, was born in England on September 20, 1844, a son of William H. Thompson. When he was but four years old he was brought to the United States and passed his youthful days at Cleveland, Ohio. At the age of sixteen years he went to Warren, Ohio, and there obtained employment as a machinist. In 1862, at the time of the war between the states, he promptly volunteered his services in behalf of the Union, enlisting in Company A, Twenty-Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment made famous by having in its ranks two future presidents of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley. In the same regiment were also two of his brothers, Major Harry Thompson and Captain Frederick Thompson. William H. Thompson faithfully served his adopted country until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. During a part of his service he acted as commissary sergeant. After the war he came to Youngstown and for a time worked as a roll turner in the mill of the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company, later becoming a clerk in Morgan's general store. In 1880 he became a bookkeeper in the hardware establishment of Fowler & Stambaugh, of which he eventually became general manager. Upon the death of Mr. Fowler, Mr. Thompson acquired an interest in the business and the firm name became Stambaugh & Thompson, Mr. Thompson continuing as general manager of the establishment until his death, which occurred on July 22, 1900.

James H. Thompson was of that class of men who gave to Youngstown that solidity for which it is justly famed. As a business man he was enterprising, and at the same time duly conservative, and his exemplary life drew to him many warm and lasting friends. His life was an inspiration to all who knew him and his memory remains to his friends and children as a blessed benediction. While advancing his individual business interests he never lost sight of his obligations to the community in general and he did much for the upbuilding of Youngstown, where for many years he held a high place in business and social circles. He was an Episcopalian in his religious belief, a republican in politics and, fraternally, was a thirty-second degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Masonic order. He was married in 1870 to Flora Jacobs, who was born in Youngstown on May 11, 1851, and died on May 1, 1901. She was the daughter of Philip and Sallie Jacobs, the latter having been born in Youngstown in 1818, the daughter of John Kimmell.

Philip J. Thompson was born in Youngstown. After pursuing his elementary studies in the public schools he entered Western Reserve University at Cleveland, where he was graduated with the class of 1895. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's establishment, with which he has remained closely identified ever since, a period of practically twenty-five years. In 1906 he was made general manager of the company and in 1915, upon the death of Daniel B. Stambaugh, he was elected president of the corporation. He possesses marked executive ability and business qualifications and has a well-established reputation as a public spirited and enterprising citizen.

On June 20, 1901, Mr. Thompson was married to Ethel Bucklin, the daughter of D. C. and Ella (Norris) Bucklin, and they have two children, James B., born in 1902, and Phyllis, born in May 1912.

Mr. Thompson is the president and a director of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club. He took a prominent and effective part in war activities, his ability as an organizer being particularly apparent in his services as chairman of the committee on military affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. His splendid personal qualities have won for him the confidence and esteem of the people of his community to a very marked degree.

Rolla P. Hartshorn. It cannot be other than interesting to note in the series of personal sketches appearing in this work the varying conditions that have compassed those whose careers are outlined, and the effort has been made in each case to throw well-focused light onto the individuality and to bring into proper perspective the scheme of each respective character. Each man who honestly strives to fulfill his part in connection with human life and human activities is deserving of recognition, whatever may be the field of his endeavor, and it is the function of works of this nature to perpetuate for future generations the record concerning those represented in its pages, and the value of such publications is certain to be cumulative for all time to come, showing forth the individual and specific accomplishments of which generic history is ever engendered. The beginning of the career of Rolla P. Hartshorn was characterized by hard work and honest endeavor, and his present prosperity is the reward of the application of mental qualifications of a high order to the affairs of business, by duty faithfully performed, and by industry, thrift and wisely directed effort.

Mr. Hartshorn, who for the past two decades has been identified with the banking interests of Youngstown, was born at Kansas City, Kansas, on March 19, 1871, a son of David S. and Harriet (Shriver) Hartshorn. In young boyhood he was taken by his parents to Illinois, where he was reared to manhood, receiving a good, practical public school education. On attaining mature years he was variously employed, and incidentally acquired some practical experience in banking. In 1900 he came to Youngstown and was chiefly instrumental in the organization of the People's Savings and Banking Company, of which he became secretary and treasurer. In 1903 this institution was absorbed by the Dollar Savings Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Hartshorn becoming treasurer of the latter institution. Later, upon the consolidation of the Dollar Savings Bank and Trust Company and the First National Bank under one official head and directorate, he became vice president of both institutions, in which capacity he has since officiated. He has demonstrated the possession of business and financial abilities of a

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high order, and among those with whom he is associated he is held in the highest regard.

On August 17, 1898, Mr. Hartshorn was married to Grace R. Ingraham, and to them have been born two children, David N. and Grace R., but the latter died in 1911, at the age of eight years.

Politically Mr. Hartshorn is an ardent supporter of the republican party, while in religious belief he is a Unitarian. He is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and is otherwise identified with the social and commercial life and development of Youngstown. He is a hospitable man, cordially responsive to all social claims, and his home is attractive to all whom he numbers in his list of friends. By a straightforward and commendable course he has gained an enviable position in the business world, winning the hearty admiration of the people of his adopted city and earning a reputation as an enterprising, progressive man of affairs and a broad-minded, charitable and upright citizen, which the public has not been slow to recognize and appreciate.

Philip and Myron C. Wick. One of the most widely known and highly honored pioneer families of Youngstown is the Wick family, which was established here in a very early day and has been represented here continuously since. Henry Wick, the progenitor of the family here, early had the sagacity and prescience to discern the eminence which the future had in store for this great section of the Buckeye commonwealth, and acting in accordance with the dictates of faith and judgment he and his descendants reaped in the fullness of time the benefits which are the just recompense of indomitable industry, spotless integrity and commendable enterprise. Few families of the county have played a better or more noticeable role in the general progress of the locality than this one, for while laboring for their individual advancement its members have never shrunk from their larger duties to civilization, and today they enjoy the respect and esteem of the entire community. As before stated, Henry and Hannah (Baldwin) Wick, great-grandparents of the subjects of this review, were the first of the family to settle in the Mahoning Valley. Of their children, Paul married Susan A. Bull and they became the parents of Myron C. Wick, father of the subjects. Myron C. Wick was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1848, and his death occurred here in 1910. He was a man of exceptionally keen business sagacity and succeeded in accumulating a comfortable estate. In early life he acquired large holdings in the old Cartright & McCurdy Rolling Mill and thereafter was the dominant factor in that concern until its absorption by the United States Steel Company. He seemed to have inherited that instinct for business which has been a characteristic of the Wick family. He was one of the organizers of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company and was a member of its directorate until his death. He was also a director of the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, New Jersey, a director of the F. B. Stearns Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and was closely identified with many enterprises which contributed to the development and upbuilding of Youngstown as a commercial and industrial center. Largely through his efforts the Youngstown Hospital, designed largely for the benefit of injured mill men, was built, and in this enterprise he maintained a deep interest. His all too brief career was replete with good deeds and to his descendants he left the untarnished name he had inherited. He was one of the most unostentatious of men, open-hearted and candid in manner, always retaining in his demeanor the simplicity and candor of the old-time gentleman, and his record stands as an enduring monument, although his labors have ended and his name is but a memory. Myron C. Wick was twice married, his first wife having been Susan Winchell, who died, leaving one daughter, Laura. His second marriage was with Elizabeth Bonnell, who survives him, and the children born to this union are, Philip, Paul, Myron C. and Caroline B.

Philip Wick, the eldest of these children, was born on April 3, 1886, and after completing the course in the public schools attended Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, completing his technical studies at the Yale-Sheffield Scientific School. For some time thereafter he was connected with the Gary Iron and Steel Company at Cleveland, Ohio, but after the death of his father he returned to Youngstown to look after the affairs of the estate. In 1912 he organized the Youngstown Securities Company, of which he has been the only president. He is vice president and a director of the Trumbull Steel Company of Warren, Ohio, a director of the Ohio Iron and Steel Company, and a director of the First National Bank and of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company of Youngstown. Aside from his business interests he is deeply interested in everything that tends to advance the wellbeing of Youngstown and every worthy movement finds in him an ardent supporter. To his marriage with Clara Kenworthy, of Poughkeepsie, New York, which was solemnized on June 17, 1911, three children have been born, Elizabeth, Philip and Richard K.

Paul Wick was born on November 30, 1890, and he also completed his educational studies in the Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and the Yale-Sheffield Scientific School. He has become closely identified with large business interests, being vice president of the Falcon Steel Company of Niles, Ohio, and is a director of the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings and Trust Company of Youngstown. He served as ensign in the U. S. Navy during the world conflict. He was married to Almira Arms, and to them have been born two sons, Paul M. and William A.

Myron C. Wick, named in honor of his father, was born in Youngstown on October 24, 1892. Before the United States had entered the great European struggle he went abroad and became a member of the American Ambulance Corps, connected with the French Army. Upon the entry of the United States into the conflict he entered the Officers' Training Camp in France and was given a first lieutenant's commission. Thereafter until the close of the struggle he was at the front in active service with the French troops.

The two daughters of Myron C. Wick, Senior, Laura and Caroline B., and the youngest son, Myron C., are unmarried.

William McKinley, twenty-fifth president of the United States, was born in Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, on the 29th of January, 1843. His ancestors on the paternal side were Scotch-Irish who lived at Dervock, County Antrim, and spelled the family name "McKinlay." His great-great-grandfather settled in York County, Pennsylvania, about 1743, and from Chester County his great-grandfather, David McKinley, who served as a private during the war for independence, moved to Ohio in 1814. David's son, James, had gone in 1809 to Columbiana County, Ohio. His son, William McKinley (born 1807), like his father an iron manufacturer, was married in 1829 to Nancy Campbell Allison, and to them were born nine children, of whom William, the president, was the seventh. In 1852 the family moved to Poland, Mahoning County, when the younger William was placed at school. At seventeen he entered the junior class of Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania; but he studied beyond his strength and returned to Poland, where for a time he taught in a neighboring country school. When the Civil war broke out in 1861 he promptly enlisted as a private in the Twenty-Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He saw service in West Virginia, at South Mountain, where this regiment lost heavily, and at Antietam, where he brought hot coffee and provisions to the fighting line; for this he was promoted second lieutenant on the 24th of September, 1862. McKinley was promoted first lieutenant in February, 1864, and for his service at Winchester was promoted captain on the 25th of July, 1864. He was on the staff of General George Crook at the battles of Opequan, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek in the Shenandoah Valley, and on the 14th of March, 1865, was brevetted major of volunteers for gallant and meritorious service. He also served on the staff of Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes, who spoke highly of his soldiery qualities. He was mustered out with his regiment on the 26th of July, 1865. Four years of army life had changed him from a pale and sickly lad into a man of superb and manly strength.

After the war McKinley returned to Poland, and bent all his energy on the study of law. He completed his preparatory reading at the Albany New York Law School, and was admitted to the bar at Warren, Ohio, in March, 1867. On the advice of an elder sister, who had been for several years a teacher in Canton, Stark County, Ohio, he began his law practice in that place, which was to be his permanent home. He identified himself immediately with the republican party, campaigned in the democratic County of Stark in favor of negro suffrage in 1867, and took part in the campaign work on behalf of Grant's presidential candidature in 1868. In the following year he was elected prosecuting attorney on the republican ticket. In 1871 he failed for re-election by forty-five votes, and again devoted himself to his profession, while not relaxing his interest in politics.

In 1875 he first became known as an able campaign speaker by his speeches favoring the resumption of specie payments, and in behalf of Rutherford B. Hayes, the republican candidate for governor of Ohio. In 1876 he was elected by a majority of 3,304 to the National House of Representatives. Conditions both in Ohio and in Congress had placed him, and were to keep him for twenty years in an attitude of aggressive and uncompromising partisanship. His congressional district was naturally democratic, and its boundaries were changed two or three times by democratic legislatures for the purpose of so grouping democratic strongholds as to cause his defeat, but he overcame what had threatened to be adverse majorities on all occasions from 1876 to 1890, with the single exception of 1882, when, although he received a certificate of election, showing that he had been re-elected by a majority of eight, and although he served nearly through the long session of 1883-1884, his seat was contested and taken May 28, 1884, by his democratic opponent, Jonathan H. Wallace. McKinley reflected the strong sentiment of his manufacturing constituency in behalf of a high protective tariff, and he soon became known in Congress, where he particularly attracted the attention of James G. Blaine, as one of the most diligent students of industry, policy and questions affecting national taxation. In 1878 he took part in the debates over the Wool Tariff Bill, proposing lower import duties; and in the same year he voted for the Bland-Allison Silver Bill. In December, 1880, he was appointed a member of the Ways and Means Committee, succeeding Gen. James A. Garfield, who had been elected president on the preceding month and to whose friendship, as to that of Rutherford B. Hayes, McKinley owed much in his earlier years in Congress. He was prominent in the debate which resulted in the defeat of the Democratic Morrison Tariff Bill in 1884, and, as a minority leader of the Ways and Means Committee in the defeat of Mills Bill for the revision of the tariff in 1887 to 1888. In 1889 he became chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and republican leader in the House of Representatives, after having been defeated by Thomas B. Reed on the third ballot in the republican caucus for speaker of the House. On the 16th of April, 1890, he introduced from the Ways and Means Committee the tariff measure known commonly as the McKinley Bill, which passed the House on the 21st of May, passed the Senate on the 10th of September, as amended by the House, and was approved by the President on the first of October, 1890. The McKinley bill reduced revenues by its high and in many cases almost prohibitive duties; it put sugar on the free list with a discriminating duty 1-10 of one cent a pound on sugar imported from countries giving a bounty for sugar exported, and it gave bounties to American sugar growers; it attempted to protect many infant industries such as the manufacture of tin plate; under its provision for reciprocal trade agreements. Abroad where the bill made McKinley's name known everywhere there was bitter opposition to it and reprisals were threatened by several European states. In the United States the McKinley tariff bill was one of the main causes of the democratic victory in the Congressional elections in 1890, in which McKinley himself was defeated by an extraordinary democratic gerrymander of his congressional district. In November, 1891, he was elected governor of Ohio with a plurality of more than 21,000 votes in a total of 795,000 votes cast. He was governor of Ohio in

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1892-95 being re-elected in 1893. His administration was marked by no important events except that he had on several occasions in his second term to call out the militia of the state to preserve order. But it may be considered important because of the training it gave him in executive as distinguished from legislative work.

McKinley had been prominent in national politics even before the passage of the tariff measure bearing his name. In 1888, in the National Republican Convention in Chicago, he was chairman of the committee on resolutions and was leader of the delegation from Ohio, which had been instructed for John Sherman. After James G. Blaine withdrew his name there was a movement, begun by republican congressmen, to nominate McKinley, who received sixteen votes on the seventh ballot, but passionately refused to be a candidate, considering that his acquiescence would be a breach of faith toward Sherman. In 1892 McKinley was the permanent president of the National Republican Convention which met in Minneapolis and which renominated Benjamin Harrison on the first ballot, on which James G. Blaine received 182 votes and McKinley, in spite of his efforts to the contrary, received 182 votes. In 1894 he made an extended campaign tour before congressional elections, and spoke even in the South. In 1896 he seemed for many reasons the most available candidate of his party for the presidency. He had no personal enemies in the party; he had carried the crucial state of Ohio by a large majority in 1893; his attitude on the coinage question had never been so pronounced as to make him unpopular either with the Radical Silver Wing or with the Conservative "Gold Standard" members of the party. The campaign for his nomination was conducted with the greatest adroitness by his friend, Marcus A. Hanna, and in the National Republican Convention held in St. Louis in June he was nominated for the presidency on the first ballot by 661½ out of a total of 906 votes. The convention adopted a tariff plank drafted by McKinley, and of far greater immediate importance, a plank which declared that the republican party was "opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained the existing Gold Standard must be preserved." This "Gold Standard" plank drove out of the republican party the silver republicans of the west, headed by Senator M. Teller of Colorado.

While his opponent traveled throughout the country making speeches McKinley remained in Canton, where he was visited by and addressed many republican delegations. The campaign was enthusiastic. The republican candidate was called the "Advance Agent of Prosperity," "Bill McKinley and the McKinley Bill" became a campaign cry. The panic of 1893 was charged to the repeal of the McKinley Tariff measure, and "business men" throughout the states were enlisted in the cause of "sound money" to support McKinley who was elected in November by a popular vote of 7,106,779 to 6,502,925 for Bryan and by an electoral vote of 2,871 to 176.

McKinley was inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March, 1897. The members of his cabinet were: Secretary of State, John Sherman who was succeeded in April, 1898, by William R. Day, who in turn was followed in September, 1898, by John Hay; Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, a gold democrat; Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger; Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long; Attorney General, Joseph McKenna; Postmaster General, James A. Gray; Secretary of the Interior, Cornelius N. Bliss; Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson. Immediately after his inauguration the President summoned Congress in an extra session on the 15th of March. The Democratic Tariff in 1893 had been enacted as part of the general revenue measure, which included an income tax. The income tax having been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, the measure had failed to produce sufficient revenue, and it had been necessary to increase the public debt. McKinley's message to the new Congress dwelt upon the necessity of an immediate revision of the tariff and revenue system of the country and the so-called Dingley Tariff Bill was accordingly passed through both Houses, and was approved by the President on the 24th of July.

The regular session which opened in December was occupied chiefly with the situation in Cuba. President McKinley showed himself singularly patient and self-controlled in the midst of the popular excitement against Spain and in the clamor for intervention by the United States in behalf of the Cubans; but finally, on the 23rd of March, he presented an ultimatum to the Spanish Government, and on the 25th of April on his recommendation, Congress declared war on Spain. During the war itself he devoted himself with great energy to the mastery of military details; but there was bitter criticism of the War Department resulting in the resignation of the Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger. The signing of a peace protocol on the 12th of August was followed by the signature on the 10th of December of articles of peace between the United States and Spain. After a long discussion the peace treaty was ratified by the United States Senate on the 6th of February, 1899; and in accordance with its terms Porto Rico, the Philippine Archipelago, and Guam were transferred by Spain to the United States and Cuba came under American jurisdiction pending the establishment there of an independent government. Two days before the ratification of the peace treaty, a conflict took place between armed Philippinos under the leadership of Emilio Aguinaldo and the American forces that were in possession of Manila. The six months that had elapsed between the signing of the peace protocol and the ratification of the treaty had constituted a virtual interregnum, Spain's authority having been practically destroyed in the Philippines and that of the United States not having begun. In this period a formidable native Philippino army had been organized and a provisional government created. The warfare waged by these Philippinos against the United States, while having for the most part a desultory and guerilla character, was of a very protracted and troublesome nature. Sovereignty over the Philippinos having been accepted by virtue of the ratification of the Paris treaty, President McKinley

was not at liberty to do otherwise than assert the authority of the United States and use every endeavor to suppress the insurrection. But there was bitter protest against this "Imperialism," both within the party by such men as Sen. George F. Hoar, and Eugene Hale, and Thomas B. Reed, and Carl Schurz, and often for purely political reasons from the leaders of the democratic party. In the foreign relations of the United States as directed by President McKinley, the most significant change was the cordial understanding with the British Government, to which much was contributed by his Secretary of State, John Hay, appointed to that portfolio when he was Ambassador to the Court of St. James and which was due to some extent to the friendliness of the British press and even more markedly of the British navy in the Pacific during the Spanish war. Other important foreign events during McKinley's administration were: the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands in August, 1898 and the formation of the territory of Hawaii in April, 1909; the cessation in 1899 of the tripartite government of the Samoan Islands and the annexation by the United States of the islands including Pago-Pago. In 1900 McKinley was unanimously renominated by the National Republican Convention, while Theodore Roosevelt, Governor of New York, was nominated for the vice presidency. The Republican Convention demanded the maintenance of a gold standard, and pointed to the fulfillment of some of the most important of the pledges given by the republican party four years earlier. The intervening period had been one of very exceptional prosperity in the United States, foreign commerce having reached an unprecedented volume, and agriculture and manufactures having made greater advancement than in any previous period of the country's history. The tendency toward the concentration of capital in great industrial corporations had been active to an extent previously undreamed of, with incidental consequences that had aroused much apprehension; and the democrats accused President McKinley and the republicans of having fostered the "Trusts." But the campaign against McKinley and the republican party was not only "anti-trust" but "anti-imperialistic." William Jennings Bryan, renominated by the democratic party in July on a free silver platform, declared that imperialism was the "paramount issue" and made a second vigorous campaign; and the opposition to McKinley's re-election, whether based on opposition to his economics or his foreign policy, was not entirely outside of his own party. As the result of the polling in November 292 republican presidential electors were chosen, and 155 democratic electors, elected in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and the Southern states, represented the final strength of the Bryan and Stephenson ticket. The republican popular vote was 7,207,923 and the democratic 6,358,133. Since 1872 no president had been re-elected for a second consecutive term.

In the term of Congress, immediately following the presidential election it was found possible to reduce materially the war taxes which had been levied on the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Arrangements were perfected for the termination of the American military occupation of Cuba and the inauguration of a Cuban Republic as a virtual protectorate of the United States, the American Government having arranged with the Cuban Constitutional for the retention of certain naval stations on the Cuban coast. In the Philippines advanced steps had been taken in the substitution of Civil Government for military occupation, and the Governor General, Judge William H. Taft, had been appointed and sent to Manila. Prosperity at home was great, and foreign relations were free from complications. The problems which had devolved upon McKinley's administration having been advanced toward final settlement, he retained without changing the cabinet of his first administration. After an arduous and anxious term the President had reached a period that promised to give him comparative repose and freedom from care. He had secured, through the co-operation of Congress, the permanent reorganization of the army and a very considerable development of the navy. In these circumstances President McKinley accompanied by the greater part of his cabinet set forth in the early summer on a tour to visit the Pacific Coast, where he was to witness the launching of the battleship "Ohio" at San Francisco. The route chosen was through the Southern states, where many stops were made, and where the President delivered brief addresses. The heartiness of the welcome accorded him, seemed to mark the disappearance of the last vestige of sectional feeling that had survived the Civil war in which McKinley had participated as a young man. After his return he spent a month in a visit at his old home at Canton, Ohio, and at the end of this visit by previous arrangement he visited the City of Buffalo, New York, in order to attend the Pan American Exposition and deliver a public address. This address, September 5, 1901, was a public utterance designed by McKinley to affect American opinion and public policy and apparently to show that he had modified his views on the tariff. It declared that henceforth the progress of the nations must be through harmony and co-operation, in view of the fast changing conditions of communication and trade, and it maintained that the time had come for wide reaching modifications in the tariff policy of the United States, the method preferred by McKinley being that if commercial reciprocity arrangements with various nations could be had, it should be made a law. On the following day, the 6th of September, 1901, a great reception was held for President McKinley in one of the buildings of the exposition, all sorts and conditions of men being welcome. Advantage of this opportunity was taken by a young man of Polish parentage, by name of Leon Czolgosz, to shoot at the President with a revolver at close range. One of the two bullets fired penetrated the abdomen. After the world had been assured that the patient was doing well and would recover, he collapsed and died on the 14th. The assassin, who, it was for a time supposed, had been inflamed by the editorials and cartoons of the democratic opposition press, but who professed to hold the views of that branch of anarchists who believe in the assassination of rulers and persons exercising political authority, was promptly seized and was convicted and executed in October, 1901. McKinley's conduct and utterances

in his last days revealed a loftiness of personal character that everywhere elicited admiration and praise. Immediately after his death Vice President Roosevelt took the oath of office, announcing that it would be his purpose to continue McKinley's policy, while also retaining the cabinet and principal officers of the Government. McKinley's funeral took place at Canton, Ohio, on the 19th of September, the occasion being remarkable for the public manifestations of mourning not only in the United States, but also in Great Britain and other countries. In Canton a memorial tomb has been erected.

Though he had not the personal magnetism of James G. Blaine, whom he succeeded as leader of the republican party and whose views of reciprocity he formally adopted in his last public speech, McKinley had great personal suavity and dignity and was thoroughly well liked by his party colleagues. As a politician he was always more the people's representative than their leader, and that "he kept his ear to the ground," was the source of much of his power and at the same time was his greatest weakness. His address at Buffalo, the day before his assassination, seems to voice his appreciation of the change in popular sentiment regarding the tariff laws of the United States and is the more remarkable as coming from the foremost champion for years of a form of tariff legislation devised to stifle international competition. His apparently inconsistent record on the coinage question becomes consistent if considered in the same way, as the expressing of his gradually changing views of his constituency. And it may not be fanciful to suggest that the obvious growth of McKinley in power and growth during his term as president was due to his being the representative of a larger constituency, less local and narrow minded. He was an able but far from brilliant campaign speaker. His greatest administrative gift was a fine intuition in choosing men to serve him. McKinley's private life was irreproachable; and very fine was his devotion to his wife, Ida Saxton (died in 1907), whom he married in Canton in 1871, and who was, throughout his political career, a confirmed invalid. He was from his early manhood a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Servetus W. Park. A definite place of honor in the history of Warren has been earned by Servetus W. Park. His personal association with the Mahoning Valley goes back ninety years, while his consequential connection with affairs of importance of Warren extends back seventy years. That is a remarkable record; more remarkable when it is realized that even yet, notwithstanding nonagenarian age, Servetus W. Park is still an active factor in the administrative affairs of one of the leading banking institutions of the City of Warren and is also interested in the management and direction of other industrial and public activities in that city. His record is unique among the men of affairs of Warren, if not of the entire country. He was an educator in Trumbull County in 1847, was a medical student in the city a little later, was in substantial wholesale business in Warren for forty years, and he is the dean of the bankers of Warren. He has had important part in the development of many local institutions. He was one of the organizers of the Trumbull National Bank of Warren in 1865, and held responsible connection with that institution for many years, and was one of the principals responsible for the re-organization of the bank in 1889, when it became the Western Reserve National Bank. For very many years he was its president, and since 1918 has been chairman of its board of directors. He is the chief executive of many other Warren institutions and enterprises, among which is the Warren Operahouse Company, of which he is president; he was one of the founders of the Warren Public Library Association, of which he has been trustee since its inception. It will therefore be seen that Mr. Park's long life has been one of meritorious endeavor, centered around the City of Warren, the prosperity of which he has ever been eager to further.

He was born at Moriah, Essex County, New York, on July 5, 1829, the son of John and Sophia (Broughton) Park. The Parks are of English origin, but among the colonial New England descendants, an honorable record of the family can be found in the early annals of Vermont, in which state the family in its early American generations lived. Elijah Park, grandfather of Servetus W., was born at Wells, Rutland County, Vermont, where he married, his wife's given name being Margaret although what her patronymic was does not appear in data now available. Their son John, father of Servetus W., was born in the family homestead at Wells, Vermont, May 22, 1794. He married Sophia Broughton on December 5, 1816, and to them were born four sons and one daughter, all the children excepting the youngest being born in Wells, Vermont. The youngest child, Servetus W., who is now the only survivor of the children of John and Sophia (Broughton) Park, was born in Moriah, New York. Their five children, in order of birth, were: Samuel; Cephas; John H.; Rachael, who married Judge C. W. Smith; and Servetus W.

The life of John Park is worthy of further record in this history of the Mahoning Valley; in fact, it has particular interest, for he was one of the pioneer settlers of the section. After leaving his home state, Vermont, John Park for some years lived in Essex County, New York, but in the spring of 1831 decided to go and prepare a home for his wife and children amid the greater possibilities of the rich but undeveloped territory of the frontier states. The journey was undoubtedly adventurous, and the rigors of the next decade in the life of the Park family would probably be severe; yet in John Park was the true pioneering spirit, and he knew that he had the will to eventually win from the wild state a property from which he and his family could gain ample sustenance. Leaving his wife and children in their New York state home, he went westward with another pioneer, John Folsom, and the two purchased a tract of 552 acres of wild land in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, of which John Park eventually received clear title to 184 acres. He prepared a habitation for his family upon the land during the summer of 1831, and in the fall of that year returned to New York state for his family. The long journey had perforce to be made in a

wagon, and at that time Servetus W. was only two years old. The family arrived eventually at their new home without serious happening; and for some years thereafter they lived the life of pioneers upon their Weathersfield Township property. Later, however, John Park sold the land and acquired another property near Niles, Trumbull County, and there spent his remaining years. The Park family, at least in the paternal line, is remarkable for its longevity, John Park being ninety-seven years old in the year of his death, while his son, Servetus W., is still comparatively vigorous, notwithstanding that he also is a nonagenarian. After the death of his first wife, Sophia Broughton, who died on January 3, 1854, John Park married in 1855 Mary A. Cline, who bore him three children, Mary, Seth and Cora. John Park was a man of strong personality and honorable life, and was widely known among agriculturists of Trumbull County.

Servetus W. Park, son of John and Sophia (Broughton) Park, was reared in the wholesome environment of his parents' farm, and gained his elementary education in the common schools of the county, eventually becoming a student at the old Warren Academy. He appears to have had inclination to follow professional occupations, and for four years prior to attaining majority he taught in various schools of the district. He seems to have had manful purpose in this work, for the money he gained by teaching he applied mostly to the commendable use of clearing his father's farm of debt, he being the chief factor by which the final payments on the family property were made. In 1850 Servetus W. evinced a desire to prepare for admittance to the medical profession, and with that object began to read medicine in the office of Drs. Daniel B. and John R. Woods of Warren. In that phase of his life he again manifested stalwart purpose, resolving that he would obtain his medical education without burden to his parents; and to effect that purpose he maintained himself by pharmaceutical work in the drug store of W. W. Collins of Warren during the two years of his studentship. And during those years wonderful reports had come of the possibilities of California, which had been annexed in 1848, the year in which gold was discovered at Captain Sutter's mill. In 1853 young Park gave up his professional studies, and in February of that year formed a small party and went to California, making the journey via the Isthmus of Panama. He settled in San Francisco and entered in commercial business, forming the firm of Park and Tyler, which from 1854 to 1858 did a comparatively satisfactory business in books and stationery in San Francisco, which at that time was practically of mushroom growth and in its first decade; in fact, San Francisco was a village of only 450 population in 1847, when its name was changed from that of Yerba Buena to its present designation, but during the next decade its population rapidly increased until it had passed fifty thousand. In such a new community much lawlessness and defective civic administration were of course to be expected; but conditions became so intolerable, and the municipal government so corrupt or incapable of enforcing the laws, that the respectable citizens during the period 1851-1856, to protect themselves, organized vigilance committees, which summarily dealt with a number of public criminals, and eventually reduced the others to subordination. Mr. Park took manly part in the endeavors of the vigilance committees during the years of his residence in San Francisco, and strove to inaugurate a better state of civic affairs. In 1858 he left San Francisco, and for a while traveled through the western states looking for suitable business points, eventually, however, settling in the City of Louisville, Kentucky, where he became a member of the commission and forwarding firm of N. S. Glore & Company of that city. Seeking business for the firm, Mr. Park traveled extensively throughout the southern states, and during those years of travel he saw inevitably approaching the Civil war. Not wishing to be identified with a Confederate state in such a circumstance, he disposed of his business interests in Louisville, Kentucky, and returned to Ohio, and to the City of Warren. There he became a member of the firm of O. H. Patch & Company, wholesale dealers in saddlery and harness hardware. The business was a substantial one at the time of the commencement of the Civil war, and its continuance in great measure became the responsibility of Mr. Park, the senior partner, Mr. Patch, having reached an advanced age, and the other junior member of the firm, Emerson Opdike, having enlisted in the military forces of the Union. Thus Servetus W. Park was debarred from personal part in the Civil war. He took over the entire management of the business of O. H. Patch & Company, of which he eventually became the sole owner, conducting it with good success until 1906, when he retired altogether from commercial business, being at that time seventy-seven years old. During the sixteen years from then to the present, however, Mr. Park has continued to actively participate in the direction of other financial and business interests and in civic affairs. His record as a banker covers, and creditably, a period of fifty-five years. He was one of the founders of the Trumbull National Bank of Warren in 1865, although he did not become one of its directors until some years thereafter. He was also prominent in the re-organization of the Trumbull National Bank in 1889, when it took the name it has since been known by, that of the Western Reserve National Bank. Until January 1, 1918, Mr. Park was president of the bank, and his resignation was directly the outcome of injuries sustained by him in a runaway accident a little while previously, from the effects of which, at his advanced age, he found recovery somewhat slow, but he still holds an office of honor and responsibility in the administration of the bank, being the chairman of its board of directors. His business interests include those of the Ohio Varnish Company of Cleveland, of which he is president and was one of its organizers, and of which he is one of the principal stockholders.

His interest in educational matters has for very many years been evident. He has actively furthered many movements that had bearing upon educational facilities within the city. He has always been studiously inclined, and is a well-read man. That is emphasized by the scope of his private library; and it was in that home library that Mr. Park met and deliberated with other public-spirited citizens in the

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hope of bringing into being a public library association. The outcome of that meeting was the eventual establishment of the Warren Public Library, of which Mr. Park has been trustee since its inception. It must be particularly gratifying to him, an enthusiast and authority on matters bibliographical, to realize that out of his initial endeavor have sprung the splendid public library facilities Warren now has. Much more concerning the public activities of Mr. Park during his long residence in the City of Warren could be written if available space permitted, but his life has been sufficiently reviewed herein to indicate to some extent the worthy part he has taken in the life of Warren during the last fifty years. He has been among its leading citizens and public workers for a longer period than any other living resident, and he has an enviable repute throughout the Mahoning Valley.

In 1858 Mr. Park married Priscilla A., daughter of Edward and Mary (Matthews) Welsh. She died on June 5, 1875, having borne to the marriage two children: Illa W. married David J. Kurtz, who died in August, 1919. Their son, Park Kurtz, married Martha Cook. Carrie L., who married Frank W. Harrington, died in October, 1893. To them was born Charles A. Harrington, now of Youngstown, who married Eva Smith, of Green Township, Trumbull County, to whom these children, Robert A., Jean Park and Edwin Wakefield were born, and a daughter, Priscilla, married to Frank W. Chapman of Chicago. More than ten years after the demise of his wife, Priscilla A. Welsh, Mr. Park, on September 17, 1885, married again, his second wife being Lucia A. Darling, of Akron, Ohio, a niece of Governor Sidney Edgerton. She was a woman of high attainments. After graduating at Oberlin College she entered upon an academic career, and for eleven years was principal of the women's department of Berea College, Kentucky. She died on August 18, 1905.

James Gibson Ewing. The Ewing family is one of the oldest and most important families of Mahoning County, and one of its representatives, now deceased, who impressed his personality on Youngstown and the surrounding territory, and lived up to the highest standards of the Ewings, was the late James Gibson Ewing. He was born on a farm in Jackson Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, September 30, 1867, and died at Youngstown, on August 7, 1915, in the very prime of useful manhood and constructive citizenship.

James Gibson Ewing was a son of John and Margaret (Sterritt) Ewing, grandson of John and Margaret (Orr) Ewing, and great-grandson of Alexander and Ann Ewing. The last two mentioned were born, reared and married in the north of Ireland, where their children were born. Archibald, who married Sarah Pauley, John and Catherine accompanied their widowed mother, Ann Ewing, to Austintown Township then a part of Trumbull County, now a part of Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1802, and Eleanor, who married William McElwee, remained in Broughton, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. After the death of Alexander Ewing in Ireland, his widow courageously set forth with her children and landed at Wilmington, Delaware on September 5, 1792, from which they journeyed to Center County, Pennsylvania, and lived there until 1802, when they came to Ohio, and secured land in Austintown Township, Mahoning County. This original farm of the Ewings has never left the family, and is now owned by Frank R. Ewing. It was on this farm, near Ohls Crossing that the beloved mother, Mrs. Ann Ewing departed this life on March 12, 1824, aged eighty-five years.

The elder John Ewing selected his farm in Jackson Township, Mahoning County, adjoining the original Ewing homestead, and took to it a bride, Margaret Orr, to whom he was married in 1805, theirs being the first white marriage celebrated in Jackson Township, and their first child, Mary, was the first white child born there. Their other children were as follows: Eleanor, Margaret, Alexander, Marjorie, Anna Sarah, Gibson, Martha, Catherine, John and Rebecca.

John Ewing of the above named children, and father of James Gibson Ewing, grew up in Jackson Township, alternating attendance at the district school with farm work, and after he attained to years of maturity he engaged in farming and stockraising. Owing to his generosity in trusting too many of his customers in his stock business and accepting script that later proved to be worthless, he died a poor man. Later in life he lived at Canfield, Ohio, but passed his last years at Youngstown, where he died on June 12, 1907, his wife having passed away on June 1, 1890.

James Gibson Ewing was one of eight children born to his parents, namely: Samuel Oliver; Francis G.; Joseph R.; Mary Elizabeth, who married J. E. Kirkpatrick; Sarah Eleanor, who died unmarried in 1913; John Calvin and Margaret A., twins, the former of whom is written up elsewhere in this work, while the latter died unmarried in 1883; and James Gibson.

Although his educational advantages were limited to those offered by the district schools of Mahoning County, and the Northeastern Normal College at Canfield, Ohio, James Gibson Ewing was so naturally intelligent and capable that he had no difficulty in securing a certificate to teach from the county superintendent of schools, and entered the educational field, in which he continued until he moved to Youngstown to serve as deputy under his brother, Sheriff Samuel Oliver Ewing. After making a splendid record for himself in that capacity, Mr. Ewing began building and through his industry and judicious operations acquired a comfortable fortune, and at the same time rendered his city very valuable service, doing much in the way of opening streets and erecting permanent structures at Youngstown. He was a man of broad vision and could see possibilities in new communities, as his beautiful addition named Bonnie Brae, to Warren, Ohio, proves, as the latter has developed into one of the flourishing communities of this region. It was while he was engaged in this work that Mr. Ewing was stricken with appendicitis, which proved fatal. A strong republican, he served very creditably as a member of the Youngstown City Council, and member and chairman of the Republican County Com-

mittee, and as an official and private citizen always took a keen interest in all movements he deemed would prove beneficial to his city, county or state. Mr. Ewing was reared in the faith of the Covenanters, and as he grew older joined the United Presbyterian Church.

James Gibson Ewing was united in marriage with Minnie F. Murphy, a daughter of Henry Murphy, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Harry G., who is mentioned below; and James Arthur, who died January, 1906, aged twelve years.

Harry G. Ewing has spent his entire life at Youngstown, where he attended school and was graduated from the Rayen High School. Subsequently he matriculated at the Western Reserve University and following his completion of its course, has been connected with the business established by his father, to which he succeeded upon the death of the latter. Mr. Ewing inherits his father's capabilities in this direction and bids fair to further expand the scope of his operations.

On April 28, 1917, Harry G. Ewing was united in marriage with Miss Winnifred E. Jacobs, a daughter of Thomas A. Jacobs of Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have one daughter, Nancy Armstrong Ewing. Mr. Ewing has found at Youngstown the inspiration he needs, and his abilities are such as to assure for him a development equal to that achieved by his father. Realizing that business is the very life blood of the nation's prosperity, Mr. Ewing feels that in his work he is accomplishing his life work, and helping to maintain the prestige of his family.

Hugh D. Morgan, who was born at Youngstown, in addition to his chosen work as a dental surgeon has rendered a service not easily overlooked in the direction of giving larger and broader opportunities to the people of the community, and has taken a notable part in securing for his city a proper field for the development of healthful pleasure, so that his recent appointment as a member of the Youngstown Park Board met with general approval.

Doctor Morgan was born at Youngstown December 23, 1873, a son of David S. and Elizabeth (Jones) Morgan. His parents came to the United States from Wales about fifty years ago, following their marriage, and located at Youngstown. David S. Morgan worked in the mines, and was a republican voter from the time he received his naturalization papers. He and his wife were active in the Welsh Congregational Church.

Fifth in a family of fourteen children, Hugh D. Morgan after a brief schooling spent several years working for John Stambaugh in the William Tod plant at Youngstown. His sincere, straightforward nature won him friends and the confidence of his employers. He was advanced to moulder, and his proficiency would undoubtedly have gained for him a much larger place in the iron and steel industry had he chosen to remain. However, he determined to become a dentist. Without sufficient capital to put him through a professional school, he relied upon the credit reposed in him by those familiar with his work and character, and had no difficulty in borrowing a sufficient amount to carry him through the courses of the Ohio State University. He was graduated there in 1905 and later from the Cleveland Ohio School of Dentistry. He then returned to Youngstown and established himself in practice and has built up a large patronage. Through his early work in his profession he cleared up the obligations incurred while attending school. Doctor Morgan still retains his membership in the Iron Moulders' Union, and has many strong friendships among his former fellow workmen.

January 1, 1910, Doctor Morgan married Miss Edith Edwards, daughter of David T. Edwards. Her father was one of the notable men of Youngstown, at one time an employe of the old Youngstown Rolling Mill and for many years a strong advocate of the single tax principle. Doctor Morgan is a Mason. Realizing the benefits a community receives from public parks, Doctor Morgan, naturally an outdoor man, has sought to have the present system expanded and improved, and his efficient work in that connection made him the logical candidate for membership on the park board, so that his appointment to that position by Judges Anderson, Jenkins and Cooper is very satisfactory to all classes.

Thomas Gordon Blackstone. The history of municipal progress and improvement in the City of Girard during the past thirteen years is largely an index of the able service rendered by Thomas Gordon Blackstone as mayor of that city. The people of Girard speak with much pride of their popular mayor, and few men have served so many years in such an office. He was first elected mayor in 1906 and consecutively through 1909, he was again chosen in 1912, again serving for four consecutive years. Then after an interval of two years he was made mayor in 1918 and his present term extends to 1921.

Mr. Blackstone has long been identified with the local business affairs of Girard. He was born on a farm near Greenfield in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1865. His birthplace was near that of A. M. Byers, whose industrial leadership has had so much to do with the history of Girard. His parents were William and Sarah Isabel (Porter) Blackstone, the former a son of George Blackstone and born on the farm where he spent his active years. William Blackstone died in 1907 at the age of seventy-six. In youth he had learned the tailor trade but practically all his life depended upon farming as a means of livelihood. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His wife Sarah Isabel Porter was of remote German descent, her people coming from Eastern Pennsylvania to Mercer County. She died in 1880, having been born in 1834. William Blackstone married for his second wife Sarah Jewell, who is now eighty years of age and since the death of her husband has lived at Mercer, Pennsylvania. William Blackstone was prominent in local affairs in his section of Pennsylvania, is a member of the board of trustees of the township, and was a leader in every movement to promote education and religion. The family were devout Presbyterians and one of the features of his early home life which Mayor

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Blackstone recalls with the greatest pleasure was the Sunday evenings at the old homestead when parents and children, all good singers, gathered together and sang the old Gospel hymns. William Blackstone was a democrat in politics. There were eight children in the family and all are still living: Perry C., a contractor at Youngstown; Ess Braden, a farmer at North Henderson, Illinois; Charles H., a resident of Mercer; Ida L., wife of L. J. Rogers, a farmer in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; Thomas G.; Calvin R., who is in partnership with his brother Thomas in the dray and transfer business at Girard; Mary, wife of J. N. Hughes, a stock dealer of Mercer County; and Bruce R., who was formerly a lumber man and is a resident of the State of Washington.

Thomas Gordon Blackstone spent his early life on the home farm, attended the nearby schools, where the usual school term began at the close of corn shucking time in the fall and lasted until the sap started flowing in the maple trees in the early spring. At the age of nineteen and continuing for three years he worked with a cousin James Blackstone, buying and shipping cattle to eastern markets, usually to Jersey City. After his marriage Mr. Blackstone was a carpenter one year, and in 1889 came to Hazelton and was employed in the Andruss plant. He has been a resident of Girard since 1894. His first employment was with the A. M. Byers plant. He was the train crew for the Dinky dummy train, acting as brakeman and conductor combined for $1 a day, while his wife's father was engineer. Later he was promoted to blast furnace work, and after three years with the Byers Company he went to a farm he had bought in Pennsylvania and tilled the soil four years. Returning to Girard in 1902 Mr. Blackstone became associated with King Brothers' furniture and undertaking establishment. He made a thorough study of embalming, and remained with King Brothers three years. In 1907 during his second year as mayor of Girard he engaged in the undertaking business for himself, and has since, in association with his brother, added a dray and transfer business.

Mayor Blackstone is a republican, a member of the Girard Board of Trade, is affiliated with the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Protective Home Circle, the Knights of Pythias, and is an active Presbyterian, serving as a member of the board of trustees of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school. In December, 1887, he married Minnie Everhart, daughter of Fred Everhart of Greenfield, Pennsylvania. She was born April 20, 1866. They have a son Thomas G., Jr., and an adopted daughter Ellen.

Mrs. Nancy Hine. In her ninety-third year Mrs. Nancy Hine retained her physical and mental faculties to a marked degree, and by her own life and her experience is one of the most interesting links between the bustling modern present and the pioneer history of the Mahoning Valley. Mrs. Hine belonged to two of the oldest and most historic families of Mahoning County. Her own people were the Gibsons, while she was widow of the late Abraham Skinner Hine, a family whose membership has included some of the best people in Eastern Ohio, not only in recent times but in the pioneer epoch.

The history of the Hine family in America goes back to Thomas Hine, who probably came from England and was a resident at Milford, Connecticut, of recorded date January 28, 1646. His will was made in 1694. His son Samuel Hine was born January 26, 1659-60. The third generation is represented by James Hine, son of Samuel and Abigail, who was born at Milford October 16, 1696, and was known in early Connecticut annals as Lieutenant Hine. He settled at New Milford about 1723. He died April 1, 1774. He was not only a large property owner but his name frequently appears in connection with colonial affairs, including membership in the General Assembly.

Noble Hine, son of Lieutenant James and Margaret (Noble) Hine, was born at New Milford August 12, 1744, and served as an ensign in Colonel White's Regiment, Captain Cowle's Company, during the Revolutionary War. He represented his district in the State Legislature many terms. He died October 1, 1796.

Homer Hine, son of Noble and Patience (Hubbell) Hine, became a distinguished character in Eastern Ohio, and was father of Abraham Skinner Hine. He was born at New Milford July 25, 1776, and graduated with the class of 1799 from Yale College. One of his classmates was Dr. Lyman Beecher, father of Henry Ward Beecher. A graduate of Yale just a century later was his great-grandson, the noted American author Gouverneur Morris. Homer Hine after studying law was admitted to the bar in 1801, and soon afterward came on horseback to the Ohio Western Reserve. He lived at Canfield and in Youngstown, and from 1804 to 1834 was almost continuously a representative in the Ohio Legislature. He was not only an able lawyer, but a man of broad scholarship, and in the absence of a regular minister frequently read sermons in church. When about sixty years of age he retired from practice, and he died July 14, 1856. His home in Youngstown was at Crab Creek, and the Lake Shore depot now stands on part of his old garden. He owned 100 acres there. While he attended the Presbyterian Church he never united with it formally until old age. He was a stockholder in the canal, which took a part of his time. He was associated on terms of friendship as well as professionally with such prominent Mahoning County characters as Judge Newton of Canfield, and also the Whittleseys of Canfield.

October 18, 1807, Homer Hine married Mary Skinner, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Ayers) Skinner of Painesville, Ohio. She was born September 20, 1789, and died December 18, 1882. She had come with her parents to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1805. Her father, Capt. Abraham Skinner, was an officer in the American Revolution and became an extensive land owner in Northeastern Ohio, owning land on which the City of Painesville was built. The children of Homer Hine and wife were Mary Sophia, Henrietta Maria, Samuel, Abraham Skinner, Homer Hubbell, Augustus, Junius and Julius, twins. Samuel died at Poland at the age of seventy-seven; Homer, at Painesville, also aged

seventy-seven; and Augustus at Los Angeles at the age of eighty-three. Samuel was at one time a merchant at Hubbard, and his son Cecil is a well known Youngstown attorney. The daughter Mary Sophia Hine became the wife of Henry Wick, of the prominent Wick family of Youngstown, and later a Cleveland banker. Mary died at the age of eighty-eight. Henrietta Hine married Dudley Baldwin, a Cleveland business man, and died at the age of eighty-six.

Abraham Skinner Hine was born at Crab Creek in Youngstown February 28, 1818, and died March 9, 1866. He was injured on his forty-eighth birthday while tearing down an old building for the purpose of erecting a sugar house in his maple grove. He was known as a capable farmer, and by his own character shared in the honor and esteem paid the Hine family.

October 19, 1848, Abraham Skinner Hine married Nancy Adaline Gibson. Mrs. Hine was born May 21, 1827, a daughter of Robert and Lydia (Marshall) Gibson. Her father, Robert Gibson, was born in Pennsylvania in 1783 and came to Ohio in 1799 with his father, James Gibson, who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The original Gibson farm in Mahoning County is now in the city limits, where the new hospital is being erected. Many of the Gibson family are still represented in Mahoning County.

Mrs. Nancy Hine, though the interests of her mind had touched many subjects and remote places and peoples, has had her personal associations with only two or three homes. At the age of thirteen she moved from a log to a stone house on her father's place. That stone house is still standing and on the ground incorporated in the new park at Youngstown. When she was married more than seventy years ago she came to the farm three miles from the courthouse on the Youngstown-Poland Road, and began housekeeping in a home that had been started by a Mr. Stahl, but was still in an unfinished condition when Mr. and Mrs. Hine went there to live. Most of the timbers of that old home are still retained in the remodeled dwelling, which was thoroughly modernized in 1914. The first year Mrs. Hine cooked the meals at a fireplace. The land of this farm, containing originally 121 acres, had been bought by Homer Hine in 1836. Except about twenty acres immediately surrounding the home all the farm has since been sold to a Realty Company and has been divided and is now rapidly being dotted with homes.

Mrs. Nancy Hine was the mother of the following sons and daughters: Thalia, Henrietta Emma, Adaline Gibson, Mary Ayres, Alice Hine, Anna Belle and Oliver Skinner. The daughter Thalia, born in 1849, became the wife of Rev. Hugh Porter Wilson on September 10, 1873. He had been a Union soldier in the Civil war, afterwards became a Presbyterian minister, and died as a result of his early war service in Oklahoma in 1895. His widow is now living with her sister and mother. Her son Chalmers Blakelee is an attorney at Enid, Oklahoma; Homer is in the real estate business at Los Angeles; Curtis is a member of the staff of the Times at Los Angeles; Oliver is in the real estate business at Los Angeles; Dudley is proprietor of a drug store at Girard, Ohio; and Alice is Mrs. George Zellers of Youngstown.

Henrietta, who was born in 1851, was married in 1872 to George Edwards, who died at the age of thirty-nine. Mrs. Edwards, who lives at Los Angeles, has two living children, Clyde H., of Washington, D. C., and Mary Ada, a teacher in the Girls Collegiate School at Los Angeles.

Adaline G. Hine, born in 1853, retired in 1917 after a long and active career as a teacher. She graduated from the Poland Union Seminary and later taught there. She was also an instructor at Oberlin College with her sister Mary, taught in the public schools of Oberlin, spent two years at Mount Ayr, Iowa, also taught in Canfield, and in 1889 went to Cleveland, where she was principal of the Barkwill, the Tod and the Quincy schools. She has been active in club and literary work, in the Presbyterian Church and in recent years has devoted herself to her home and her mother.

The daughter Mary, born in 1854, died in 1898, and though on account of an accidental injury in girlhood she never enjoyed strong health, she became a successful teacher and for several years taught at Oberlin.

Alice, born in 1857, was married in 1886 to William Brainard McCarthy and died at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, in 1897. She and her husband had taught in the Poland Union Seminary prior to their marriage. She was the mother of four children: Thalia Veda, wife of J. B. Stolper, an author and teacher of English in the high school at Newark, New Jersey; John Russell McCarthy, who is an author and newspaper man and lives at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and some of his poetry has been accorded enthusiastic commendation by the great naturalist John Burroughs; Alice, who is living in Vermont; and Vernon, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

Anna Belle, born in 1860, became the wife of Rev. Charles F. Hook in 1891 and lives at Hudson, New York. Their children are Charles Homer, a teacher; Marshall, Archie and Clark.

Oliver Skinner Hine, the only son, was born July 8, 1865, spent his life as a bachelor, living at home with his mother, and died in 1917. He was always very progressive, in favor of all new moves. His father died when he was eight months old. He was raised on the farm and went to school in Poland at Union Seminary. At sixteen he left school and took up the active work on the farm with his mother. He led a strenuous life and a very successful one, being one of the best farmers in the Mahoning Valley. He was especially interested in stock and raised fine Holstein cattle. He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was greatly interested in them.

Mrs. Hine and her six daughters all taught school. Mrs. Hine was eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her daughters are doubly eligible, being qualified on both the maternal and paternal side.

At the venerable age of ninety-three, came the closing of the good, gentle and noble life. Retaining her vigor, activity and her keen interest in current affairs, her clear strong intellect to the last. Monday before the passing she told her family that it was the first day she was unable to read her New

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York Times. She left many friends to mourn her death.

ALFRED E. REINMANN. It is not strange that the people of the little republic of Switzerland should come to the United States and establish homes for our institutions in many respects are similar to their own and they do not have such a hard time adjusting themselves here as do the emigrants from other countries of Europe, born and reared under conditions which are just about the antithesis of our own. The ports of entry to the western republic have ever been open to the Swiss, and now their thriving farms, substantial homes and places of business are found all over the country. They have been loyal to our institutions and have proven to be splendid citizens in every respect.

Alfred E. Reinmann is a native of Berne, Switzerland, where he was born on March 23, 1882, a son of Samuel Reinmann. He received his educational training in schools at Zurich and Paris, thus gaining a good knowledge of French. In 1901, two years before attaining his majority, Mr. Reinmann left his native land for the United States, arriving here in September of that year. He immediately came to Youngstown, Ohio, and his first employment after arriving here was in digging a cellar on Federal Street. He was energetic and ambitious and stopped at nothing in the way of honest employment, selling newspapers, working on farms and at anything he could find to do. In the meantime he took special instruction from the teachers of the Rayen High School, making such progress that he was enabled to enter the Wisconsin State University at Madison, where he completed his third year. Returning to Youngstown he entered the Dollar Savings and Trust Company in the capacity of messenger, and was later advanced to the position of teller. In 1905 he entered the services of the Equity Savings and Loan Company, of which he became treasurer. In 1912 he organized the Central Savings and Loan Company, and in 1916 the Central Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Reinmann is president of the above bank, and secretary and manager of the Loan Company.

In 1907 Mr. Reinmann was married to Dorothy F. Ullmann and they are the parents of three children, Dorothy May, Alfred E., Jr., and Myron E.

Mr. Reinmann is a member of the Reformed Church, and socially is identified with the Youngstown Club. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and also belongs to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Knights of Pythias. With few opportunities except what his own efforts were capable of mastering, and with many discouragements to overcome, he has made a success in life. He is regarded as a good business man, possessing sound judgment and keen foresight, and he enjoys to a notable degree the confidence and respect of his business associates. He takes a proper interest in the affairs of the community, giving his unreserved support to all movements for the advancement of the general welfare of the people.

C. H. WILTSIE is proprietor of the Main Hardware Company of Niles. This is an old established business, with a large trade and prosperous connections, and its scope has been greatly extended under Mr. Wiltsie's management.

The father of the Niles merchant is Nathan C. Wiltsie, a wealthy and substantial business man whose interests were widely dispersed over Western Pennsylvania and New York. Most of his life he has been a lumber manufacturer and dealer, with mills at Garland, Byronstown, Pennsylvania, and other places. He is a man of affairs, with business holdings at Buffalo and Jamestown, New York, Corey and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For years he has also been a leading republican figure in both state and national politics.

C. H. Wiltsie, son of Nathan C. and Altheda Wiltsie, was born at Wyoming, New York, October 2, 1870. He spent most of his early life at Corey, Pennsylvania, being a graduate of the high school of that city and the Corey Business College. At the age of twenty-one he was put in charge of a knitting plant at Jamestown, New York, and for nearly thirty years has handled important executive responsibilities. Going from Corey to Pittsburgh, he served three years as cashier of the Oil Wells Supply Company. Mr. Wiltsie has really been a factor in the great Mahoning Valley for many years, since for sixteen years he lived at Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he was affiliated with the Fred Fruit interests. Mr. Wiltsie bought the Main Hardware Company at Niles in 1917 and has since given his active management to this business. Like his father he has been deeply interested in the success of the republican party. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, an Elk, and a member of various fraternal, business and civic organizations.

In 1891 he married Miss Myrtle Prather, who died in 1908. Her only son John P. is deceased. Mr. Wiltsie married for his present wife Catherine McElroy, and they have two children, Charles and Mabel.

FRED FREMONT WHEELER whose life has been spent on the paternal Wheeler farm in Brookfield Township comes of a long line of sturdy New England and Ohio ancestors, of Revolutionary stock, and for ninety years or more the family have been prominent in the Mahoning Valley.

For several generations the Wheelers lived in Vermont. The first of the family line of whom there is definite record was James Wheeler, who in 1750 at Rutland, Vermont, married Abigail Ball. Their son Phineas was born at Rutland July 2, 1757, and married Polly McCobb. Phineas when he died in New York in 1836 was a pensioner of the Government for his services as a Revolutionary soldier.

It was in the next generation that carried the family west to Ohio in the person of William Wheeler who was born at Andover, Vermont, July 6, 1788. He married Margaret Weldon and came from New York State to Ohio about 1830, acquiring 400 acres on Big Yankee Run, including the present Luce Farm. William lived here until his death and was buried in Brookfield Cemetery, and his wife died at the home of her son Phineas on the farm now occupied by Fred Fremont Wheeler.

William Wheeler was married in 1819 and died October 9, 1857, while his wife passed away January 20, 1876. Their children were: Mary Ann who married Abram DeForest; David who lived in Hubbard Township; Lavina who became the wife of Ira Fowler of Hartford Township; Phineas; Fanny who married Benjamin McMullen of the well known McMullen family of Brookfield Township; William, Jr., whose widow is living at Sharpsville, Pennsylvania; Joseph, who at the age of eighty-seven is the only survivor of this generation and makes his home in Brookfield; James Madison who spent his life in Pennsylvania; and Francis Marion who died young.

Phineas Wheeler of these children was born August 17, 1826, and was four years of age when brought to Ohio. Soon after his marriage he moved to the farm now occupied by his grandson Fred and lived there until his death on April 7, 1907, at the age of eighty-one. His wife was Emily Jones, who died March 29, 1919.

The only child of Phineas and Emily Wheeler was William Earl Wheeler, who was born on the old homestead in Brookfield Township December 19, 1864. He grew up and spent his years industriously on that farm until five years ago, since which time his home has been in Sharon. During his active career the farm house was built in 1870 and soon afterwards the barn. Phineas was a strong republican in the early days of the party and William Earl followed his footsteps and served three terms as township treasurer. William Earl Wheeler married Emma Clark on September 24, 1885. She was born in Brookfield Township July 7, 1864, a daughter of Lewis and Helen (Burton) Clark. To their marriage were born two children, Fred Fremont and Ada. Ada who died August 3, 1918, was the wife of Walter Tribby, and she was buried in the same grave with her son James who had died the day before. They lived in Brookfield Township and she had finished her education in the Sharon High School.

Fred Fremont Wheeler who was born on the farm of his father and grandfather November 11, 1886, acquired a good education and has spent a very busy life looking after the farm and performing all the duties of good citizenship. Dairying is a prominent feature of his farm work.

August 18, 1915, he married Alma Linsley of Gustavus Township, daughter of Clarence J. and Emma (Palmer) Linsley. Her father died January 23, 1917, and her mother is now living at Kinsman. Mrs. Wheeler was educated in the high school of Gustavus Township and until her marriage was a teacher in Trumbull and Ashtabula counties. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have two sons: Francis Wade born July 4, 1916, and Clarence L., born December 14, 1917.

Mr. Wheeler is a republican, is a member of the Presbyterian Church which has been his family faith for several generations, and like his father is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Hartford, being senior deacon of the lodge.

Bert Flick. A discriminating public came to know and appreciate the service of Mr. Flick for many years as a dealer in fine meats. He had one of the finest shops in Youngstown, and was in the meat business in different capacities for many years. Mr. Flick's place of business now is at Niles, where he is dealing in automobiles.

Though born in Stark County, Ohio, September 6, 1870, Mr. Flick has spent nearly all his life in the Mahoning Valley. He is a son of William and Amanda (Beal) Flick. His father was born in Lordstown Township, Trumbull County, and died in 1905 at the age of sixty-seven. His mother was born in Newton Township of Trumbull County, and is now seventy-eight years of age. Her winters she spends with her son Bert Flick. William Flick was a prosperous farmer, stock raiser and dealer, and for many years made a practice of shipping to eastern markets. His farm was in Lordstown Township, but in 1901 he became a resident of Youngstown. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. William Flick and wife had six children: Mary, wife of Mack Horn of Lordstown; Charles, owner of a prosperous lumber business in Indiana; Wallace, connected with the building trades at Cleveland; Bert; Emma, who is married and lives in Indiana; and Katie who died in childhood.

Bert Flick grew up on his father's farm, and was educated in Lordstown. He left home at the age of eighteen, and spent three years learning the butcher's trade in the market of Ewing Brothers on Mahoning Avenue. Thereafter for nearly thirty years he was engaged in the meat business. For three years he was a wholesaler, buying stock, butchering, and selling the product to Youngstown dealers. For a year he represented the Morris Packing Company as a salesman, spent four and a half years with the Truogs establishment, and one year with Peter Deibel and for a time was with A. W. Deibel. Mr. Flick then opened a shop of his own on McKinney Street in Youngstown. That was his place of business for nine years, and he spared neither pains nor expense to make his shop and store and products the very highest standard. Mr. Flick has a wide acquaintance in the City of Youngstown and his old customers expressed general regret when he sold his business in 1919. Since then he has been the Niles agent for the Auburn car and also handles automobile accessories.

Mr. Flick and family reside on the Boardman Road out of Youngstown. In April, 1892, he married Ada Beil, a daughter of Philip Beil of Lordstown. Three children were born to their marriage: Ray W., associated with his father in the automobile business; Dorothy at home; and Wade, who died at the age of fourteen. Mr. Flick is one of the stanch republicans of the Valley.

Lewis Oliver Wurtemberger, who for the past four years has been auditor of Trumbull County, is a resident of Niles, and was one of the active young business leaders of that city prior to his election to county office.

Mr. Wurtemberger was born at Bucyrus, Ohio, July 4, 1884, son of George J. and Sarah (Woodling) Wurtemberger. His father was born in the City of Philadelphia in 1826, a son of John Wurtemberger, a native of Germany. The family were early settlers in Fairfield County, Ohio. During his early life George J. Wurtemberger was a carpenter,

later a meat merchant at Bucyrus until 1898, in which year he moved his business to Toledo. He remained in that city until the fall of 1918, when he went to Warren and died there in the same year. Sarah Woodling was born in Crawford County, Ohio, her parents being native Pennsylvanians.

L. O. Wurtemberger acquired his early education in the schools of Bucyrus and Toledo. He left school at sixteen to begin an apprenticeship at the watchmaker's trade at Fostoria. His active business career covers about fifteen years. He spent the year 1904 in Colorado, and in 1905 engaged in the jewelry business at Niles. He was soon at the head of a growing establishment, and became very influential and popular in that section of the county. In 1913 he was appointed deputy county auditor, and in 1916 became chief of that office by popular election. He was re-elected in 1918, and will retire to private business at the expiration of his term as county auditor on March 1, 1923, his term having by law been extended one year and five months.

Mr. Wurtemberger is a member of the executive committee of the Mahoning Valley McKinley Club, a non-partisan organization. He was a member of the committee which had charge of the club's annual banquet in 1919, held in the McKinley Memorial at Niles, a banquet attended by nearly 500 members and invited guests. Mr. Wurtemberger in 1918 was elected president of the Giddings Republican Club of Trumbull County for the year 1919. He has a large acquaintance among business men, public leaders and other influential citizens of Ohio.

Mr. Wurtemberger is a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 394 Free and Accepted Masons, Mahoning Chapter No. 66 Royal Arch Masons, Warren Council, No. 58, Royal and Select Masons, Warren Commandery No. 39 Knights Templar and of Falcon Lodge No. 436 at Niles and Trumbull Encampment at Warren of the Odd Fellows, and with Niles Lodge Knights of Pythias. He is also a member and director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Niles First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wurtemberger married Jennie M. Lewis, daughter of William R. and Elizabeth Lewis, formerly of Sharon, Pennsylvania, now of Niles. They have two children: Mary Olive, born December 24, 1908; and Lois Jane, born September 11, 1916.

Adolph J. Boehme. During the past twenty years much of the survey, engineering detail and technical planning of various industrial projects in the Mahoning Valley have been handled by Mr. Boehme, who is chief field engineer of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company.

Mr. Boehme, whose high rank in engineering circles is widely known throughout Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania was born in Union City, Indiana, October 12, 1877, but has spent the greater part of his life in Youngstown. His parents are Ernest A. and Barbara (Emmelheinz) Boehme. His father was born in Germany and his mother in Columbus, Ohio, of German parentage. Ernest A. Boehme came with his parents to the United States at the age of sixteen and grew up at Pittsburgh. He studied for the ministry and after being ordained at Union City, Indiana, was active in the service in the Joint Synod of Ohio of the Lutheran Church for thirty-two years. Twenty-five years of that time he was pastor of the Wood Street Martin Luther Church in Youngstown. Since 1910 he has lived retired from the ministry.

Adolph J. Boehme, only son in a family of five children, was six years of age when his parents located at Youngstown in 1883. He attended the parochial school of his father's church, also the Wood Street Public School, and graduated from the Rayen High School in 1897. The following fall he entered the Ohio State University, and in 1901 received his degree as a mechanical engineer, having also specialized in civil engineering. Mr. Boehme had much of his early experience in practical engineering under David M. Wise, then chief engineer of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. He assisted Mr. Wise in surveying and laying out construction work for the present grounds of the Sheet and Tube Company, during July, 1901. In December, 1902, Mr. Wise assigned him the task of making the preliminary surveys for the projected line of the West Side Belt Line Railroad of Pittsburgh from the Pennsylvania State Line to Mentor Marsh in Lake County, Ohio. This industrial road was afterwards absorbed by other corporations. In September, 1903, Mr. Boehme was directly employed by John H. Fitch and others to do the engineering work for the Belmont Park Cemetery. Following this he returned to Mr. Wise and was employed in making the preliminary survey of Lake Hamilton, owned by the Mahoning Valley Water Company. Before the dam and reservoir had been completed, however, in August, 1906, Mr. Boehme was employed on construction work at the Bessemer steel plant of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and on August 10, 1906, he left the employment of Mr. Wise and became identified with the construction of the No. 2 blast furnace for the Shenango Furnace Company at Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Boehme has held the post of chief field engineer of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company from April 1, 1907. He was one of the organizers of the Engineers Club of the Youngstown District, has been honored with the office of president, and is one of the present directors. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was appointed on the committee of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Canal Board of the Chamber of Commerce. May 28, 1907, Mr. Boehme married Miss Marie G. Schuh, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Ernestine H. and Carl A. Mr. Boehme and family are members of the Woodlawn Avenue Lutheran Church.

Jacob M. Faris, superintendent of the mechanical and electrical department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, is one of the oldest technical men in the service of that great corporation, and as an engineer has gained a high place in his profession by practical experience and achievement and without the aid of a technical education.

Mr. Faris was born at Pomeroy, Ohio, November 29, 1871, son of Mathew and Mary Jane (Parsons) Faris. His widowed mother is still living. His father spent the greater part of his active life as laborer in a salt mill at Pomeroy. Both parents were born in Ohio.

Jacob M. Faris, one of three children, grew up at Pomeroy and had only a public school education. As a youth he began an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade, and for a time was employed as an engineer in the Pomeroy Rolling Mill, subsequently became a millwright in that plant, and still later worked in machine shops.

On moving to Youngstown in 1896, Mr. Faris was employed as a millwright by the Mahoning Valley Iron Company, and later was promoted to master mechanic. He remained with that corporation about five years, and since then his service with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company has been continuous. Beginning as master mechanic, he was afterwards promoted to his present responsibilities as superintendent of the mechanical and electrical department. In one of the greatest industrial plants in Ohio Mr. Faris had the heavy responsibilities of superintending the erection of all the machinery in the plant.

He is an honored member of the Iron and Steel Institute, the Society of Engineers of Western Pennsylvania, and the American Railway Association. He also takes an active interest in civic and social matters, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Elks, the Masons, the Rotary Club and the Richard Brown Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. In July, 1896, Mr. Faris married Miss Carrie E. Genheimer of Pomeroy, Ohio. They have one son, Randolph U.

Evan J. Thomas, county treasurer of Trumbull County, is in the second generation of his particular branch of the Thomas family in the Mahoning Valley. He was born April 28, 1881, on a farm in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County, and all of his life has been in this county. He is a son of John R. and Margaret J. (Evans) Thomas.

John R. Thomas was born in 1836 in Wales, and twenty years later he came to the United States. He came alone, and located in the Welsh settlement in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County. While in early life Mr. Thomas was a coal miner, in later years he engaged in the meat business, combined with general farming. He is now retired from active business and lives in Niles. His wife who died in 1912, was of Welsh descent and was born in 1837, near Belmont Avenue in what is now North Youngstown.

While a boy on the farm Evan J. Thomas attended the district schools, but when he was twelve years old he went to Niles where he entered high school. When he was fourteen years of age he entered the employ of the First National Bank of Niles, and continued there for four years. He was next the paymaster of the old Falcon Iron and Nail Company at Niles or until that mill was absorbed by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. He then entered a business college in Warren where he graduated in 1900, and in that year he entered the employ of the Western Reserve National Bank of Warren, where he continued for twelve and a half years as assistant cashier in 1913 resigning to become secretary-treasurer of the firm of Morgan & Williams of Warren.

In 1915, Mr. Thomas organized the Weir-Thomas Realty Company of Warren, of which he was secretary and treasurer. In 1916 he was elected treasurer of Trumbull County, and two years later he was re-elected to the same office, his second term expiring September 1, 1921. When entering upon his duties as county treasurer he disposed of all other business interests.

Mr. Thomas is a member and Past Master of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Warren Commandery No. 39 Knights Templar, Cleveland Consistory (Thirty-second degree) and of Al Koran Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Cleveland.

On October 19, 1910, Mr. Thomas married Laura Belle Reese, of Youngstown. She is a daughter of William A. and Hannah (Jones) Reese. Their children are: Evan J. Thomas, Jr., and Robert J. Thomas.

Frank H. Nullmeyer. Few of the department heads of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company have had more varied experience, and none have been in greater degree the architects of their own fortunes, than Frank H. Nullmeyer. Starting his independent career when still a lad, with no favoring advantages and but a limited education, he worked his way through industry to preferred employments, in the meantime preparing himself by special courses of study for better things, and today is superintendent of the rod, wire and conduit works at the Struthers plant.

Mr. Nullmeyer is of Pennsylvania nativity, having been born at Homestead, where now stand the Carnegie Works, September 5, 1874. He is a son of Henry C. and Louisa K. (Fickeisen) Nullmeyer, the former of whom was born in Germany but was but six months old when brought to the United States by his father, Christopher, who was engaged in the coal and real estate business at Pittsburgh until his death. Henry C. Nullmeyer grew up at Pittsburgh and was there married. As a youth he learned the carpenter's trade and followed that occupation for some years, subsequently embarking in mercantile pursuits. Died August 4, 1920.

Frank H. Nullmeyer grew up at Pittsburgh and as a boy attended the public schools. At the age of fifteen years he started to work as helper to a plumber, for the modest wage of 50 cents per week, but a little later forsook this position to enter the cold rolling department of the Jones-Laughlin Company, under Mr. Brobech, at $5 a week. Later he was put on the rolls, "catching," and about this time, seeing the need of a better education, took up mechanical drawing in night classes at the local Young Men's Christian Association. His next employment was as an apprentice of Thomas Carlin's Sons, founders and machinists, and, after three years as an apprentice, worked one year as a journeyman. While still an apprentice, he took a correspondence course in the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, specializing in mechanical engineering and chemistry and completing the former. For three years following this, he worked as an apprentice at mechanical engineering for Henry Aiken, and upon completing this worked as a mechanical engineer for Samuel Discher

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for one year. In 1899 Mr. Nullmeyer accepted a position as draftsman for the Shoenberger Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, and this proved to be his real start in the mill business. From an ordinary draftsman he became chief draftsman, and during the period of his rise this concern was absorbed by the Steel Corporation, in 1900, and Mr. Nullmeyer remained with the new company. Later he was made assistant chief engineer of the Pittsburgh District, and March 1, 1903, was appointed assistant superintendent of the Rankin Mill of the American Steel and Wire Company. On January 1, 1905, Mr. Nullmeyer was made assistant superintendent of the Donora Mill, of which W. H. Farrell was superintendent; January 15, 1906, was made superintendent of the Braddock Mill; and May 1, 1907, was appointed superintendent of the Rankin Mill and operated both this and the Braddock Mill for a time. On March 22, 1909, he came to Youngstown as superintendent of the rod and wire department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company at Struthers, and later, in August, 1913, the conduit department was added and he has continued as superintendent of these ever since. He has an enviable reputation for industrious and faithful service, and has won the confidence and respect of those with whom he has been associated.

Mr. Nullmeyer is president of the Struthers Chamber of Commerce and is a thirty-second A. A. S. R. Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He was married August 12, 1897, to Miss Mary C. Copeman, of what was then Allegheny, now Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and to this union there have been born four children: Hilda Louisa, who is the wife of William H. Ludt, Jr.; Walter William, Francis William, and Gladys, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Nullmeyer are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Struthers.

Jefferson N. Marshall has been a carpenter and building contractor in the Mahoning Valley for over twenty years, is a resident of Niles, but his chief business is the firm of McCaughtry & Marshall, owners of the Pennahio Lumber Company at Girard. This is an extensive business handling building supplies and also doing general contracting work.

Mr. Marshall who deserves a great share of credit for the steadily increasing prosperity of the company, of which he is secretary, was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1869, a son of Lewis and Nancy (Arbuckle) Marshall. His parents are still living, their home being one of the farms notable for productivity and improvement in Crawford County. His father inherited fifty acres of the land from his parents, but by his own enterprise has built up a large and profitable property. He was born in 1847 and his wife in 1853. Lewis Marshall is an active prohibitionist and a deacon in the Christian Church. The children comprise seven sons and one daughter, all living except one who lost his life in a railroad accident. Five of the sons have become successful physicians.

Jefferson N. Marshall, the oldest son, attended country schools, in Crawford County, also the New Lebanon High School, and had one year of experience as a teacher. He learned the carpenter's trade in Crawford County, but on coming to Ohio in 1898 spent some time on a farm in Hartford Township of Trumbull County. From the farm he moved to Niles to take charge of his contracting business, and since then has built many houses and other structures up and down the Mahoning Valley. Mr. Marshall has a keen mind for analyzing all the problems and factors that enter into construction work and his success has been due to his ability to estimate his contracts with due reference to all the details involved. In 1908 associated with Rev. D. D. Burt and A. T. Hunt he organized the lumber and contracting business at Girard and in 1910 reorganized the firm in partnership with Mr. C. A. McCaughtry, as McCaughtry & Marshall. He is the practical and technical man in the business.

January 30, 1895, Mr. Marshall married Almeda E. Stallsmith, daughter of I. W. Stallsmith of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. They have five children: Zena, wife of Charles Williams of Niles; Glenn and Mabel, twins, the former at home and the latter the wife of Everett Frye of Avon Park; Alma and Louis, both at home. All the family except the youngest child are active members of the Christian Church. Mr. Marshall is a Royal Arch Mason and Knight of Pythias, and politically he casts his vote for the candidate he believes most deserving of office.

Francis T. Moran. While Mr. Moran is one of the younger officials of the Brier Hill Steel Company, his experience, training and studies make him one of the leading authorities on the coke and by-products departments of the iron and steel industry in the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Moran who is superintendent of the Coke Works of the Brier Hill Company was born at Hamilton, New York, June 25, 1887, one of the five children of Edward T. and Mary (MacDonnell) Moran. His parents were both born in this country of Irish ancestry. Edward T. Moran has spent his active life as a farmer and he and his wife are still living at Hamilton.

Francis T. Moran received his primary education at Hamilton, and after due preparation at Colgate Academy entered Colgate University in 1905. He received his A. B. degree in 1909. With a broad and classical training he first applied himself to teaching, an occupation he followed only four months. Since then all his active energies have been associated with some phase of the coke industry. He was first coke inspector for the United States Steel Corporation in Gary, West Virginia. In order to learn the by-product general operations he next went to Joliet, Illinois, and was in the coke department of the Illinois Steel Company. For a year and a half he was with the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company at Birmingham, Alabama, for six months was with the H. Koppers Company, and for a year and a half with the Woodward Iron Company. He spent another year with the Lehigh Coke Company at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and from there came to Youngstown to fill his present position as superintendent of the Coke Works of the Brier Hill Steel Company.

His technical experience and qualifications has

earned him membership in the American Gas Association, the American Iron and Steel Institute, the Engineers Club of the Youngstown District. Fraternally he is an Elk and a Catholic in religion. On general political issues he votes as a republican. February 26, 1919, Mr. Moran married Miss Colletta Kothiemer of Youngstown.

STAMBAUGH FAMILY. The importance that attaches to the lives, character and work of the early settlers of Mahoning County and the influence they have exerted upon the cause of humanity and civilization is one of the most absorbing themes that can possibly attract the attention of the local chronicler or historian. If great and beneficent results—results that endure and bless mankind—are the proper measure of the good men do, then who is there in the world's history that may take their places above the hardy pioneer. To point out the way, to make possible our present advancing civilization, its happy homes, its arts and sciences, its discoveries and inventions, its education, culture and social life, is to be the truly great benefactors of mankind for all time. This was the great work accomplished by the early settlers, and it is granted by all that they builded wiser than they knew. Admit that as a rule, but few ever realized in the dimmest way the transcendant possibilities that rested upon their shoulders; grant it that their lives, in certain instances, were somewhat narrow and that they realized but little the great results that finally crowned their efforts; yet there exists the supreme fact that they followed their impulses, penetrated the frontier and with a patient energy, resolution and self sacrifice that stands alone and unparalleled, they worked out their alloted tasks, accomplished their destinies and today their descendants and others enjoy undisturbed the fruitage of their labors. Among the early pioneers of the Mahoning Valley was John Stambaugh, the founder of the family of that name here, a family that has borne its full share of the burdens incident to the upbuilding and development of this community, and representatives of which are today numbered among the leading citizens of Youngstown.

John Stambaugh, the pioneer, was born on June 7, 1795, at Perry County, Pennsylvania, and his death occurred on May 30, 1870, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He came to Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1820, and settled at Brier Hill, where he engaged in farming, and there spent the remainder of his life. He also engaged in driving a four-horse wagon, freighting goods between Youngstown and Baltimore. He was a son of Jacob Stambaugh, of Perry County, Pennsylvania, who was born in 1761, and died May 29, 1837, aged seventy-six years. Jacob Stambaugh died May 16, 1816, aged fifty years, being born in 1766. John Stambaugh married Sara Beaver, who was born on January 25, 1797, and who died on July 9, 1851, in her fifty-fifth year. To them were born twelve children, namely: William, born January 20, 1818, died March 26, 1880. He married a Miss Wise and they had six children, John E., J. Frank, Samuel, Homer, Milton and Charles, the first three of whom were soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war. Samuel, born November 10, 1819, died May 28, 1836. Mary, born December 6, 1821, died January 14, 1908. She became the wife of William Shilling and they had five children, John, James, Samuel, Sallie and Laura. Martin, born September 8, 1823, died June 28, 1891. He married and was the father of Evan, Clarinda and Mrs. George Tod. Julyan, born January 10, 1825, died July 21, 1866. Was married to Calvin Shook and had John W., Silas and Sara. John II, born March 8, 1827, died March 4, 1888. Married Caroline Hamilton and had four children, Grace, who became the wife of Fred Wilkerson, Henry H., died January 4, 1919, John III and George Fowler. Sara, born May 7, 1829, died June 1, 1877. Married to Nelson Crandall and bore three children, Ford, Belle and Charles. Arabella, born September 11, 1832, died May 14, 1904. Was married to James Ford, by whom she had four children, James, Sara (Mrs. H. M. Garlick), Tod and John. Jacob, born May 7, 1835, and the only survivor of these twelve children. Daniel B., born April 6, 1838, died January 14, 1915. Married to Margaret Osborn, to whom three children were born, Philip (married Fannie Williams and has one son, Philip), Annie (Mrs. David Tod) and Mary. Margaret Elizabeth, born October 15, 1840, died March 13, 1841. David Lupper, born March 29, 1844, died October 13, 1869. Married a Miss Fitch and had two children, William F. and David.

Jacob Stambaugh, the ninth child in order of birth of the above-named children, was born at the old Brier Hill homestead, where his father settled in 1820. His early years were typical of that period, being chiefly characterized work of the most strenuous sort, interspersed with brief attendance at the winter school. In early manhood he became identified with the coal interests and up to the time of his retirement, in recent years, he had much to do with the coal development of the Mahoning Valley. His principal efforts were at Weathersfield, Mineral Ridge, Church Hill and Vienna. During the early part of the Civil war, he held a first lieutenant's commission in the Home Guards, but in 1864 his command was sworn into the service of the United States and became a part of the One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which regiment Mr. Stambaugh became quartermaster. The entire career of Jacob Stambaugh has been passed in the immediate vicinity of Youngstown, where he is widely known and as widely respected.

On April 22, 1858, Jacob Stambaugh was married to Elizabeth McCartney, a daughter of George and Mary (Eckman) McCartney, who were pioneers of Trumbull County, Ohio. Four children were born to that union, as follows: George Ford, who married Alice Louise LaTrace, who died some six months later. Harry Jackson, who was married to Cecelia Rachel Long and their three children are, Harry Jackson, Jr. (married Florence Byrd Kennedy and has two daughters, Elizabeth Byrd and Kathleen Roxanne), Cecelia Long (the wife of Henry Glen Heedy and the mother of Henry Glen, Jr., Sara Stambaugh and Mary Elizabeth) and Jere Long (married Mary A. Rabe and is the father of Jere, Jr., and Sarah Jane). Harry J. Stambaugh, Sr., is treasurer of the Republic Rubber Company, of

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Youngstown, previous to which time he was identified with the coal, iron and steel industries. Mary Elizabeth became the wife of George D. Hughes and is the mother of one daughter, Elizabeth Priscilla. Joseph Kincaid is a civil engineer in Youngstown and is unmarried.

John Stambaugh II was born and reared at Brier Hill, Mahoning County, and he was early inured to pioneer conditions, which in those days meant the hardest kind of labor from daylight to dark, grubbing the land, splitting rails, planting and reaping, and the other incidental work of the farm. Educational facilities in those days were meager, but what he lacked in scholastic training was made up by the homely virtues of industry, honesty and helpfulness, which were ever characteristic of the man. Becoming interested in the coal and iron business, he was associated with Governor Tod and became connected with many large transactions, necessitating many trips to foreign lands. He was a close reader, a sound reasoner and a keen observer, and thus became possessed of a wide range of information, and, being a man of unusual shrewdness and sagacity, he became one of the foremost business men of the state. He was very public spirited and was a generous contributor to practically all charitable objects.

John Stambaugh III was born on February 15, 1862, and received his elementary education in the public schools. He then entered Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, where he was graduated with the class of 1884. Immediately thereafter he found employment as a chemist with the Youngstown Steel Company, with whom he remained until 1887, when he became an employee of the William Tod Company, of which he shortly thereafter became manager and, after the death of William Tod he was elected to the presidency. In the meantime he was made secretary and treasurer of the Youngstown Steel Company. Since then his activities have widened until he is a stockholder and director in a score or more of the leading industrial concerns of the Mahoning Valley.

On September 21, 1887, he was married to Cora Bunts, of Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Col. William Bunts who attained his military title by service in the Union army during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Stambaugh have two children, John IV and Caroline.

It is, of course, extraneous to the functions of this publication to enter into manifold details concerning the career of the many representative citizens whose names find a place within its pages, but what has been said regarding the Stambaugh family of Mahoning County is sufficient to indicate the fact, acknowledged by all who are familiar with this history of this locality, that few families in this section of the state have to so large a degree entered into and contributed to the splendid advancement and development which has characterized Youngstown and vicinity. Their distinctive prestige here has been due to their characteristics of courage, enterprise, industry, integrity and faith—sterling traits which ever beget public confidence and esteem, and which have enabled them to be of commendable service in important avenues of usefulness in various lines.

H. H. Stambaugh. For forty years preceding his death which occurred January 4, 1919, H. H. Stambaugh was a man of power and leadership in the Youngstown District. The power he exercised in industrial affairs is much better understood and appreciated than the quiet and unselfish service he rendered as a community leader. He never posed as a philanthropist, yet his substantial benefactions aggregate a total the more impressive because he exercised great care in seeing that it reached its proper objective.

A son of the late John and Carolina Stambaugh he was born at Brier Hill November 24, 1858. He was educated in the common and high schools of Brier Hill, prepared for college at the Greylock Institute at Williamstown, Massachusetts, and finished his education at Cornell University. Returning from the university he became associated with the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company of which his father was president and of which Joseph C. Butler, Jr., was manager. He was with that well known corporation continuously from 1883 until 1912, part of the time as secretary and treasurer and later as president. Possessing all the marked gifts of his family in a business and executive way, his abilities rapidly improved and matured, and enabled him to play a very important part in developing the iron and steel industry of the Mahoning Valley.

He was one of the founders of the Brier Hill Steel Company and for five years from 1912 to 1917 served as chairman of its board of directors, after which he was succeeded by Judge J. B. Kennedy, but continued as a director. For twelve years he was a director of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, retiring in 1916, though retaining large holdings in the corporation. He was also a director in the old William Tod Company, which finally sold its business to the United Engineering & Foundry Company. His active interests at the time of his death were represented by directorships in the First National and Dollar Savings Banks; Tod-Stambaugh Company of Cleveland, shippers of iron ore and owners of extensive mining properties; The Bessemer Limestone Company, The Stambaugh-Thompson Company, and as a stockholder in numerous other commercial concerns. Mr. Stambaugh owned several large farms in Mahoning and Trumbull counties and was one of the promoters and builders of the Stambaugh Building. With his brother and others he organized the Realty Guarantee & Trust Company.

To a rare degree he realized the responsibilities incurred by wealth and business prominence, and even when demands of his business affairs were most pressing he contrived time to interest himself in charitable undertakings. He was instrumental in forming the Community Service Society, which has taken over the organized charities of the county, placing them on a systematic basis and largely extending their efficiency. About the last important gift made by him of which the public has record was a check for $50,000 to the Youngstown Foundation. This is a fund the income from which is used for charitable purposes. He was the first

contributor to the Foundation when it was started by him, Henry M. Garlick, A. E. Adams and others. Those close to him are aware that he used his means as direct instrumentalities of helpfulness to individuals, but it was characteristic that he should choose a business like corporation as a chief and most effective means of doing good and cheering homes darkened by misfortune and lightening the burdens of those cast down.

The period of the war found him more attentive to local patriotic movements than to his private affairs. As chairman of the Thrift Stamp Campaign Committee in Mahoning County he gave his undivided attention for many weeks, daily appearing at the headquarters established in the Municipal Building and working unceasingly that old Mahoning should beat its quota. His indefatigable efforts were rewarded by the generous success attending this campaign. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Mahoning County War Chest, aiding in raising the sum of $2,100,000, and also affording his counsel and influence in seeing that the moneys were properly distributed among the war auxiliary purposes for which it was raised. He was also named on the committee to erect a Memorial Auditorium to soldiers of the county who sacrificed their lives in the war.

This is a brief outline of the career of a notable Youngstown citizen, but is sufficiently concrete and definite to illustrate the achievements and the qualities of character for which his old friends and associates will like to remember him.

William I. Holloway. One of the substantial men of Youngstown is William I. Holloway, superintendent of the hot blast department of the Thomas Works of the Brier Hill Steel Company at Niles, was born at Brierly, Staffordshire, England, on June 1, 1866, a son of Jeremiah and Myra (Adderly) Holloway. The father, Jeremiah, was a sheet roller in his native country, where he was reared and was married.

In 1869 the family came to the United States and located in Pennsylvania, where the father worked at his trade, but he later moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and from there to Niles, Ohio, about 1875. In the latter place he became a roller of sheet iron in the old Russia Mill. Still later he moved to Covington, Kentucky, and from there to Piqua, Ohio, where he died in 1913, aged seventy-seven years.

William I. Holloway is one of six children born to his parents. He attended the public schools at both Covington, Kentucky, and Niles, Ohio, beginning work in the steel mills of the former place when he was about fifteen years old, and he has continued to be a steel mill worker ever since, being principally occupied with rolling sheet iron.

In 1886 William I. Holloway was married to Nellie Agnes Craig and they have five children, namely: William I., Jr., Henry H., Oscar I., Charles T. and Nellie M. Mr. Holloway is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar, York Rite and Thirty-second Degree, Scottish Rite Mason. In politics he is a republican, and represents the Sixth Ward in the City of Youngstown where he resides, being one of the most efficient members of the city council.

Two of the sons of Mr. Holloway saw service during the World war, Oscar I. and Charles T. The former, who is a veterinary surgeon, was in the Three Hundred and Forty-sixth Field Artillery, with the rank of first lieutenant, and saw service at Saint Mihiel, Beaumont and in the Argonne. Charles T. resigned from the Brier Hill Steel Company to enlist in the Seventy-fifth Company of the Sixth Regiment of Marines, and was in the engagements at Chauteau Thiery, Beaumont, the Argonne, Saint Mihiel, Soissons, earning five battle stars and silver citation medals. He is now in the accounting department of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company.

Henry, or rather Harry as he is generally known, H. Holloway was born at Covington, Kentucky, February 2, 1888, and was educated in the Piqua High School, the University of Ohio and the University of Chattanooga, Tennessee. At the State University of Ohio he specialized in iron and steel, and became a member of the Greek Letter fraternity Delta Tau Delta. He began doubling on the sheet mill at Piqua, Ohio, when he was thirteen years old, and continued working in the mills during his vacations, at Middletown, Ohio, Newport, Kentucky, Whittaker, Glessner and Wheeling, West Virginia, and was roller and night superintendent of La Belle Iron Works at Steubenville, Ohio. He was a roller at Portsmouth, and came to Niles in 1911 as hot mill foreman for the De Forest Iron and Steel Company, and was there for four years. Resigning in 1915, he took charge of the special steel department of the Brier Hill Steel Company, and continued as such for three years, or until 1918. He then became superintendent of the operating department of the Hosleton Works of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company of which he later became assistant sales manager in 1919. On February 15, 1920, he resigned to become superintendent of the Thomas Works of the Brier Hill Steel Company, at Niles, a position he now fills.

On November 4, 1910, Mr. Holloway was married to Eliza Russell Hogle, of Piqua, Ohio. They have two sons, Charles William and Harry, Jr. Mr. Holloway is a Council Degree member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he is a republican. His religious sentiments make him a Methodist.

Both William I. Holloway and his son, H. H. Holloway, are among the best known steel mill workers of the Mahoning Valley, and as citizens measure up to the highest standards of American manhood.

Harry L. Brinker, superintendent of the blast furnaces of the Brier Hill Steel Company at Youngstown, has had a practical and thorough training for the position he now fills. Born February 11, 1867, at Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania, he is a son of Stephen J. and Alice (Leezer) Brinker. Stephen J. Brinker was born in Pennsylvania in 1837, and considered the Keystone State his home during his life. He learned the shoemaking trade in his earlier years, and subsequently followed mercantile pursuits. He was a veteran of the Union army, and is now a resident of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

R. H. Wilkinson, Jr.

Harry L. Brinker was reared at Pleasant Unity, nd was graduated in the classical course at Theil College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, in 1890, subsequently attending for two years Johns Hopkins University where he specialized in chemistry. Following that, for three years, he was employed in special laboratory work for the Bethlehem Steel Company, nd from September 1, 1895, to April 1, 1900, was assistant to J. C. Barrett, who was then chief chemist of the old Ohio Steel Company at Youngstown, Ohio. At the latter date he was made chief chemist for the Republic Iron and Steel Company, but at the expiration of two years and three months, returned to the Ohio works as chief chemist. His intimate knowledge of blast furnace work led to his appointment as assistant superintendent of the blast furnace of this corporation, which position he filled until his present appointment on March 25, 1920, with the Brier Hill Steel Company. There has been nothing spectacular in the career of Mr. Brinker. He but illustrates the old rule, reflected in many of his fellows, that close application and, possibly, a more than average ability and aptitude, will bring legitimate returns. He holds membership in the Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania, the American Chemical Society, the Youngstown Engineers Club, Grace Lutheran Church, and the Young Men's Christian Association. In politics he is a republican. Well known in Masonry, he belongs to the Thirty-second Degree, Scottish Rite, and Knights Templar, York Rite, and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. As a member of this great fraternity he has been honored as the master of his Blue Lodge, high priest of his Chapter and eminent commander of his Commandery.

On December 22, 1896, Mr. Brinker was married to Miss Nellie May Oakley of Youngstown, a daughter of E. Oakley. The four daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Brinker are as follows: Hazel May, Mabel Minnie, Gladys Lucile and Edith Eleanor.

R. H. Wilkinson, Jr., has made a distinctive place for himself in the business life of Warren through his extensive operations in real estate, and is correctly numbered among the constructive citizens of the Mahoning Valley. He was born at Malta, Illinois, on March 20, 1876, a son of Rev. Rufus H. and Adelia (Quackenbush) Wilkinson, the former of whom was born at Greencastle, Indiana, and came of an old Maryland family, members of which located at Greencastle at an early day. Reverend Wilkinson responded to President Lincoln's call for troops in 1861, and entered the service for three months, serving under General Lew Wallace of Indiana. After his honorable discharge he entered the university at Greencastle and was graduated therefrom in 1865. He was next graduated from Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, in the class of 1867. Leaving it he entered the ministry as a member of Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and continued active in the ministry until his death in 1913. His wife was born near Syracuse, New York, and she belonged to the old Knickerbocker Quackenbush family. Her parents removed to Northern Illinois at an early date. She survives her husband and now resides at Phoenix, Arizona.

R. H. Wilkinson, Jr., completed his academic education in the Evanston, Illinois, High School, and was graduated from Northwestern University in 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Leaving the university he traveled for about a year, and then, in 1900, he became identified with the Carnegie Company at Youngstown, rising in 1902 to be superintendent of the furnace of that corporation at Niles, and remained there as such until 1909, when he was made superintendent of the Struthers Furnace at Youngstown, but resigned this position in 1913 to come to Warren and take over the management of the Warren Acreage Investment Company, which, in conjunction with Joseph G. Butler, Jr., W. H. Foster and C. H. Booth of Youngstown, and D. A. Geiger and C. E. Carey of Warren, he had organized. Mr. Wilkinson was made president and general manager of the company; Mr. Butler became vice president; and Mr. Geiger, treasurer of the company. This company purchased the old Perkins estate east of the City of Warren, comprising over 1,000 acres, which they platted and put on the market, and the first plat has been sold out. In 1920 they opened a plat of 300 acres of the same land immediately surrounding the Country Club, which has been improved with paved streets, and similar modern improvements, and it is known as "Shaker Heights" of Warren. The company deeded eighty acres of this valuable land to the Country Club with the view of making it possible for the club to develop a fine organization with a commodious clubhouse and excellent golf links. It may be interesting to the general public to know that this land was the playground of Mr. Butler, vice president of the company, during his boyhood, and that because of this fact he takes a keen interest in the development of the Country Club.

Mr. Wilkinson also organized the Perkinswood Building Company, which is erecting fine residences at Perkinswood, and he is serving it as president; and he is also president and one of the organizers of the Perkinswood Transportation Company, which operates a line of automobile busses for the accommodation of the residents of Perkinswood and vicinity. He is vice president of the Warren Guaranteed Mortgage Company of Warren; a director of the Hippodrome Building Company; and is secretary of the Ohio Association of Real-Estate Boards. Mr. Wilkinson is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the Warren Rotary Club and the Trumbull and Youngstown Country clubs. The First Presbyterian Church of Warren holds his membership. He belongs to Evanston Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Greek letter fraternity of Northwestern University.

Mr. Wilkinson married Mary Esther Walton, a daughter of C. H. and Agnes D. (Jeffreys) Walton, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and to them a son and daughter have been born, namely: Richard, who was born on January 30, 1910; and Helen Elaine, who was born on February 21, 1918.

Albert R. Finch. Of the department heads of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company at Youngstown who have established excellent records

for efficient workmanship, fidelity and steadfast industry, one who has won confidence and respect during the seven years in which he has been in the company's employ is Albert R. Finch, assistant superintendent of the skelp, plate and puddle mills. He is a native son of Youngstown, born May 15, 1876, his parents being Isaac B. and Mary Jane (Ray) Finch, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Rhode Island. Isaac B. Finch was a contractor and a veteran of the Civil war, who passed much of his life at Youngstown, and died here in 1900, his widow surviving him sixteen years. They were the parents of four children, of whom one is deceased.

Albert R. Finch was reared in his native city and as a boy attended the public schools and for two years was a student at Rayen High School. At the age of eighteen years he started out for himself as a weigh-boy for the Mahoning Valley Iron Company. Later, when the Ohio Works plant was built, he served there as converting mill recorder, and later as steel blower of the Bessemer. Subsequently, he went to Clairton, Pennsylvania, as an employe of the St. Clair Steel Company, serving for a time in the capacity of chief inspector and later being advanced to foreman of the blooming mill. From this he went to Gary, Indiana, when that big industrial point first came into existence as a center of the steel industry, and there became night superintendent of the billet mill. His next location was at Cleveland, Ohio, where for a time he engaged in general contracting, and in 1912 came to Youngstown and began work with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company as standing turn man. Mr. Finch was subsequently promoted to assistant turn foreman of the blooming mills, and then went back to the Bessemer Mill as turn foreman. He was made general foreman of that mill, and, when the new plate mill was built, in 1917, became assistant superintendent under John M. Bennington, of the skelp, plate and puddle mills. This position he has since continued to fill with ability, earning the confidence of his superiors and the respect and good will of the men under his jurisdiction.

Mr. Finch was married February 22, 1917, to Mrs. Mary Collins, who, by her first husband, had one daughter, Isabel. Mr. Finch has several social and fraternal connections and is the possessor of a wide circle of friends.

William H. Warren. While he has been general manager of the Brier Hill Steel Company only six years, that period of Mr. Warren's administration has witnessed a marvelous expansion and increase in productive efficiency of this great Youngstown plant. Mr. Warren is a practical steel man in every sense of the word. He learned the business literally in the glare of the furnaces, and today he could take charge as an expert in practically any one of the many departments of the immense business under his general management.

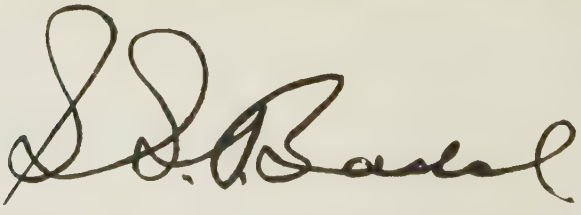
He was born in the southern city of Mobile, Alabama, July 30, 1873, son of Charles H. and Josephine (Foy) Warren. His mother was a noted belle of Mobile during the Civil war period. Charles H. Warren was a graduate of Harvard University and during the war was at Mobile as chief express messenger of the old Pioneer, now the Adams Express Company. He rose to high rank in railroad circles, subsequently becoming general superintendent of the Chesapeake & Ohio, later the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, and still later was assistant general superintendent of the Chicago Division of the Baltimore & Ohio. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

In 1884 when William H. Warren was eleven years of age his parents moved from Mobile to Detroit, and three years later they established their home in Chicago. While in Chicago William H. Warren spent two years in the South Chicago High School. He was only seventeen when he went to work in the Illinois Steel Company's plant as a shipper in the iron ore department. He did good work, showed alertness and ambition, and his efficiency procured him rapid promotion. For a time he was in the roll turning department, becoming assistant superintendent. Later he was roller, then boss roller of the plant, and finally was assistant superintendent of the roller mills, holding that position until 1908.

In 1908 Mr. Warren went to the new steel city of Gary, where he built and superintended the erection of all the rolling mills and remained as superintendent of operations until 1914. He came to Youngstown in 1914 and for a time was steel plant superintendent for the Brier Hill Steel Company, and since June, 1916, has been general manager.

Mr. Warren can view with a great deal of satisfaction the improvements and additions since he came to the Brier Hill Steel Company. At that time the company was operating two old blast furnaces the Tod and the Grace, had seven open-hearth furnaces, one 40-inch blooming mill, one 24-inch sheet, bar and billet mill, and also the Thomas plant at Niles consisting of twelve sheet mills, the Empire Works at Niles comprising eight finishing sheet mills. Mr. Warren since then has built eighty-four Koppers by-product coke ovens with capacity to recover all by-products; one benzol works recovering all benzol and other explosive products; has quadrupled the rolling stock; built one new complete 550-ton blast furnace; one 850,000-ton capacity ore yard with ore bridge and car dumper, has doubled the capacity of the open-hearth departments without interfering with operations; has doubled the capacity of the blooming mill by additional soaking pit heating capacity; built and operated one 84-inch tandem plate mill, and also constructed and operated one 132-inch plate mill. These last two units are housed under one roof, making perhaps the largest single rolling mill in the world, 1,600 by 420 feet. During his term as general manager the company has purchased and operated the Western Reserve Works, formerly known as the Western Reserve Steel Company at Warren, and has acquired the Dunwoody ore mines on the Mesaba range.

His wide experience and achievements in the iron and steel industry make him a prominent member of the Iron and Steel Institute and the Association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers.



He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Club, Youngstown Country Club, the National Association of the American Red Cross. He is a Knight Templar Mason, Shriner and Elk. August 23, 1900, Mr. Warren married Mrs. Dott Jackson Wicks of Chicago. Four children were born to their marriage, but the three daughters are all deceased. The only son is John Wicks Warren.

Samuel S. Badal, M. D. It is an accepted fact that some of the most scholarly men of the United States are those who owe their birth to another country, but who, having become Americans of their own choice, are most devoted to the land of their adoption, giving to it and its civilization the full benefit of their capabilities and carefully trained mentalities. Such a man is Dr. Samuel S. Badal of Lowellville, who was born near Urumia, Persia.

Doctor Badal was fortunate enough to come under the influence of the Presbyterian missionaries at Urumia, who, recognizing the brilliancy of the little Persian lad, induced him to enter the American Missionary College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following that, although still a mere lad in years, he studied medicine with an uncle, Dr. S. Badal, at Urumia for a year, and then, at the age of nineteen years, he came to the United States and joined a relative at Cleveland, Ohio. Immediately after reaching that city he matriculated in the old Cleveland College of Physicians and Surgeons, now the Medical Department of the Western Reserve University, and was graduated in 1905 with honors and the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

It was his intention when he first came to this country to fit himself for practice in his native land, but in the meanwhile his uncle had died, he had become imbued with American ideas, and he changed his plans and became an interne at Saint Claire's Hospital at Cleveland. Through his friendship with Dr. John McCurdy of Youngstown, whom he had met while in college, Doctor Badal was led to locate at Lowellville in 1906. At that time Dr. J. A. Vogen, now of Youngstown, and Doctor Newton, now deceased, were the physicians of Lowellville. Doctor Badal opened an office at Lowellville, and from the start met with the success his talents entitled him to, and he is now recognized as one of the best physicians and surgeons of the county. He has a specially large practice among the workers in the steel mills and quarries, although his services are in demand by all classes. Professionally he belongs to the Mahoning County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1906 Doctor Badal was married to Angelina Jesson, born in Schleswig, Holstein, Germany, a trained nurse in Saint Claire's Hospital, and she assists her husband in emergency cases in his office. Doctor and Mrs. Badal became the parents of five children, four of whom survive, namely: Samuel S., James J., Daniel W. and Sarah Marie. Both Doctor Badal and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and she is active in the different church societies. Doctor Badal belongs to Hilman Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Youngstown.

Doctor Badal has never returned to Persia even for a brief visit. During the late war his family was broken up and their holdings practically wiped out through the cruelties of the Turks. A brother and sisters of his were forced to flee for protection from the invading Turks to the British Mission. Needless to say that Doctor Badal did his full part in supporting all of the war activities in his section, and was a liberal contributor in all of the drives. He is a well educated, cultured gentleman, fully Americanized, and deeply interested in all living questions.

William F. Fair. Broad-minded and sober of judgment, some men possess a character that creates respect and invites intercourse, so that in their passage through life they win and retain the esteem and confidence of their associates. When these characteristics are combined with the power to develop their own capabilities to the highest degree of efficiency, they became valuable members of the industries to which they are attached. The foregoing applies in every way to William F. Fair, assistant superintendent of the steel department and in charge of the blast furnaces of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. He is a native son of Youngstown, and was born November 8, 1874, one of the nine children of James and Ellen (Carney) Fair, natives of Ireland. James Fair was a young man when he emigrated to the United States, and here he followed his vocation as a blast furnace foreman, the greater part of his career being passed in the employ of the Brier Hill Steel Company. He died in 1913, while his wife, whom he met and wed in this country survived him three years.

William F. Fair was reared at Youngstown, where he received his education in the public schools. He was a remarkably bright lad and was only fifteen years of age when he was graduated from the Rayen High School. For a few years thereafter he worked in the rolling mills of the old Youngstown Mill, and later was employed on the furnace for the Brier Hill Steel Company, where he became furnace foreman. Later he was employed by the Ohio Works of the then Carnegie Steel Company as stock yards foreman and furnace foreman, and still later became foreman at Haselton for the Republic Iron and Steel Company, where he was advanced to assistant superintendent, and subsequently to superintendent. In 1908 Mr. Fair came to the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company as assistant to H. S. Braman, superintendent of furnaces at that time, and then became superintendent of blast furnaces, also under Mr. Braman. This position he has since continued to fill and has established a splendid record for efficiency, reliability and fidelity. Mr. Fair is a Roman Catholic in his religious faith and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1892 Mr. Fair married Miss Bridget Isabel Dean, and they have three children: Edgar, Katherine and William, Jr.

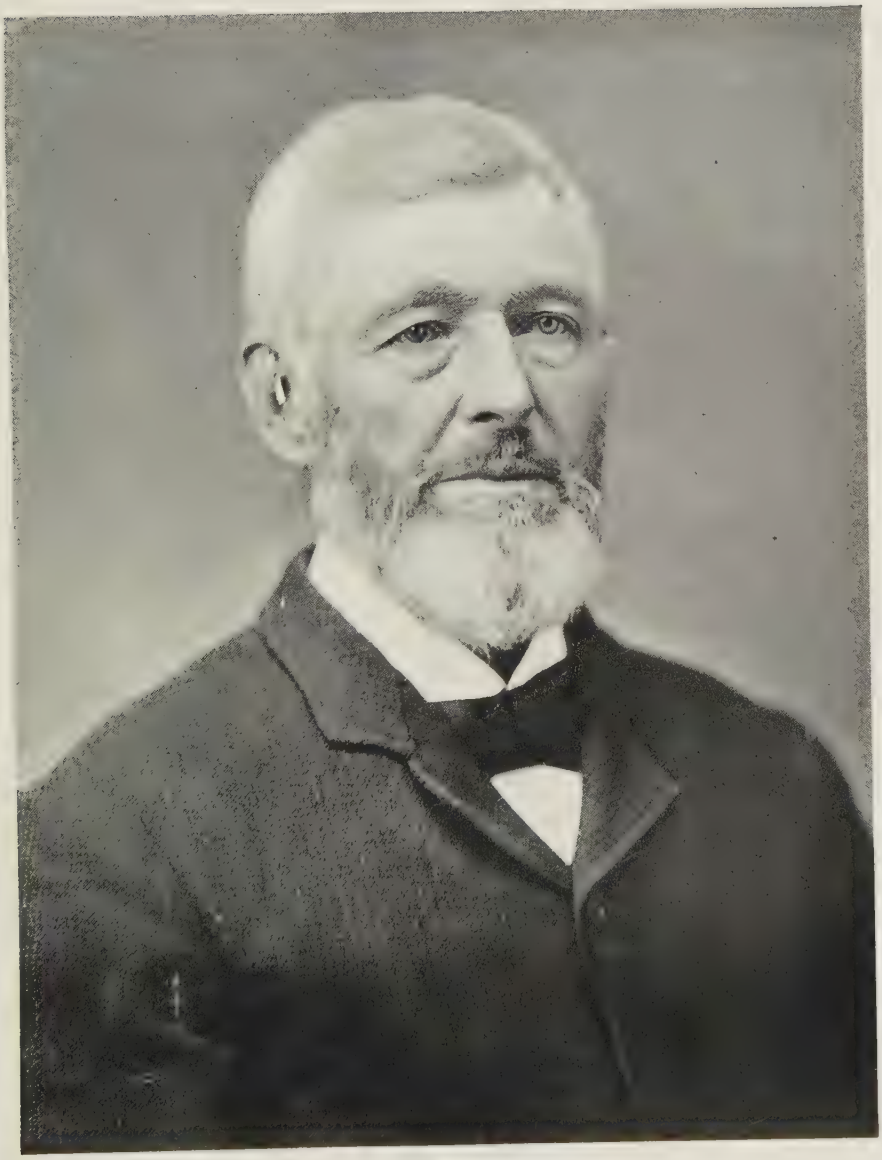
Aaron W. Ricksecker. Probably there is no profession that demands so much tact, judgment, patience, specialized knowledge and natural executive ability as that of the schoolmaster, and the man or woman who enters into this important field, selecting it as his calling, must be prepared to make many personal sacrifices, to endure many disappointments, to often spend himself for others, without apparent gratitude in return, and to give the best years of his life without the emoluments that equal effort would surely bring in any other profession. It is a profession for which there are no weights and measures. The material with which it deals is rather that life stuff upon which impressions are eternal and afford the man who would serve the race an opportunity than which there are none greater. One who has dedicated his life to the work in this spirit is Aaron W. Ricksecker, superintendent of schools of Lowellville.

Professor Ricksecker was born at Mount Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio, on March 26, 1869, a son of parents whose birthplace was Bern, Switzerland. They came to the United States many years ago, locating in Wayne County, Ohio. After attending the common and high schools of Wayne County, Professor Ricksecker secured his degree of Bachelor of Art in a collegiate course at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, and did some work at the University of Chicago. In 1887 he began teaching school, and has a record of thirty-two years of continuous service in the schoolroom, having taught in both the common and high schools. For five years he was superintendent of the Mount Eaton, Ohio, schools; during the next twelve years he was principal of the preparatory department and normal school of Heidelberg at Tiffin, Ohio, and then became superintendent of the schools of Haskins, Wood County, Ohio. In 1911 he took charge of the Lowellville schools. At that time he had eleven teachers and there was an attendance of 385 pupils. Now eighteen teachers are required to instruct the pupils, the enrollment for 1920 being 650 persons. There are sixty pupils in the high school, which in 1919 graduated a class of fifteen pupils. The new high school building which was erected in 1918 cost $35,000, and it contains a splendid auditorium and gymnasium as well as many other modern improvements, and is one of the best in the county. This school has an athletic director, and all of the pupils and teachers participate in healthful sports. The domestic art and manual training courses are optional, but both are very popular. Professor Ricksecker has awakened a deep and enthusiastic interest in home project work and aids the pupils to earn money outside of school hours. Owing to his progressive ideas and unceasing labors this school has taken a high place among those exhibiting at the county fair. Fortunately Professor Ricksecker is backed by an excellent and appreciative board of education, and they have united with him in securing a superior grade of teachers. All of this work has received the unanimous approval of the community so that a perfect harmony has been preserved which has naturally greatly aided in the carrying out of plans and the inauguration of new methods. Professor Ricksecker is a man who believes in teachers' organizations and belongs to those of his county and state, and he has borne his part in the work of teachers' institutes in Ohio, and has been in the foremost ranks of those engaged in educational development. He has also served as president of the County Teachers' Institute and belongs to the several associations of school superintendents. For some time he has been on the Board of School Examiners of Mahoning County. All of his interest is centered on his schools and educational work, and Lowellville and Mahoning counties are to be congratulated in having secured the services of such a scholarly, capable man and executive.

In 1894 Professor Ricksecker was married at Mount Eaton, Ohio, to Minnie M. Gerber, and they have two children, namely: Russell E., who was graduated from the high school course and then spent two years in the Wooster University, is now chemist in the local mill of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company; and Alice, who is attending the Lowellville High School. Professor Ricksecker is not only a member of the Lowellville Presbyterian Church, but he is serving it as a trustee. During the late war he took an active part in the Red Cross drives, and otherwise gave his services to his country as they were needed. All in all it would be difficult to find a man better fitted for his work, or one who is more alive to the fact that his profession offers him unsurpassed opportunities for noble labor, the value of which cannot be adequately estimated.

Jonas H. Hoffmaster was one of the old residents of Mahoning County who during many years was a successful agriculturist of Poland Township, where his two daughters now reside, but he is now deceased. He assisted very materially in raising the standard of his chosen calling and the requirements of good citizenship in his neighborhood. He was born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on September 17, 1821, and died on December 6, 1897. When he was eighteen months old his parents brought him to Columbiana County, Ohio, where his father, George Hoffmaster, was engaged in farming. Still later the family came to Springfield Township, Mahoning County, and there both parents died. Their old farm is now in the possession of the Charles Holzworth family. These parents lie buried in Zion Cemetery, one mile east of New Middletown, Ohio, the father having died September 10, 1858, aged eighty-two, and the mother, Christina E. Hoffmaster, died January 1, 1855, at the age of 65. They were both born in Wuertemberg, Germany.

Growing up in Mahoning County, Jonas H. Hoffmaster adopted farming as his life work. He married Charlotte Stacy, a daughter of Thomas Stacy who was born and reared in Poland Township. An extended review of the Stacy family is found elsewhere in this work. Following his marriage Jonas Hoffmaster came to the farm now owned by his daughters in Poland Township, which he and his brother, David Hoffmaster, bought in co-partnership



JONAS HOFFMASTER

CHARLOTTE STACY HOFFMASTER

from Bilivus Kirtland, who, while he owned the property, did not live on it. This farm is almost contiguous to the Goucher farm, the two families being connected by marriage. It lies on the Pennsylvania state line, two and one-half miles south of Lowellville, and is regarded as a valuable property. They operated this property together, although not long after the purchase was made Jonas bought his brother's interest in it. This farm originally contained 200 acres, but Mr. Hoffmaster sold 100 acres of it to Judge Arrel's father. The present house was erected by Mr. Hoffmaster in 1856, and a barn was built in 1869, which was burned in 1900, and the one now standing was erected on the same site by the family. In early years Mr. Hoffmaster belonged to the Lutheran Church, but later on in life transferred his membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hillsville, Pennsylvania. For a number of years Mr. Hoffmaster was a member of the school board.

Mrs. Hoffmaster died in 1887, having born her husband the following children: Hillary, who left the farm in 1896, and died September 18, 1917, having married Ollie Mayberry, and three of their children survive, Lawrence, Warren and Lyle; Mary L., who is Mrs. Lewis Goucher, has two living children, Lottie M., Mrs. O. W. Sipe, who with her son, Virgil, is living on the Hoffmaster farm with her mother and aunt, and Homer, who is with his mother, the deceased child of Mrs. Goucher having been Morris L., who died on December 16, 1918, aged twenty-six years; and Amanda Hoffmaster, the youngest child of Jonas Hoffmaster, who is also a resident of her father's homestead. She was a nurse in the Youngstown Hospital for a time, but is now occupied with conducting the farm with the assistance of her sister. Both ladies are proud of the fact that they can trace back to two such honorable men as their father and grandfather, and that these two were among the early settlers of the county and did their full part in advancing its interests during their generations. The lives of such men point a moral and afford an example worthy of emulation.

Samuel Q. March. Forty years of faithful and consecutive service to one institution is not so much a commonplace in human affairs as to pass unnoticed. A delicate and grateful recognition of such service was made when on his retiring from active connection with the Hubbard Banking Company on January 31, 1916, the board of directors voted that Samuel Q. March should be retained as honorary president. His death occurred a few years later, on the 3d of May, 1920.

Mr. March began his official career with that bank in February, 1876, when he was elected secretary of what was then known as the Hubbard Savings Bank. This institution was then only three years old. It had been established in 1873 by Alexander M. Jewell and his son Robert H. Jewell. It was operated under a state charter until 1878, when it became the Hubbard National Bank, but in 1886 resumed its state charter and has so continued. The original capital was $25,000, but since 1874 it has been $50,000, and through all the years the bank has never missed a dividend. The first president was A. M. Jewell, who on his death was succeeded by his son, Robert H. Jewell, and the successive presidents since then have been David G. Dennison, S. L. Kerr, George M. McKelvey and S. Q. March. All are now deceased.

Mr. March was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, May 8, 1841, and represents a substantial family of colonial stock. His great-grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania and moved from that state to Virginia. He was a merchant at Germantown, which was looted by the British soldiers. His grandfather, Henry March, came from Virginia westward to Ohio in 1808, becoming a pioneer in Columbiana County. Henry March died while in the military service during the War of 1812, on his way home. Philip March, father of the Hubbard banker, was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, in 1803, and for many years was a successful merchant and farmer in Columbiana County, where he died in 1866. He was a member of the Legislature. His wife was Sarah Gillmer, a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. She died in 1859, at the age of fifty-five. Samuel Q. March was one of ten children, and the following are now deceased: William, who died June 17, 1895; Mary Ann, who died December 3, 1857; Henry C., who died September 15, 1899; James, who died March 4, 1859; John H., who died September 28, 1910; one who died February 8, 1889; Philip M., who died February 9, 1918, and Samuel, who died in 1920.

Samuel Q. March grew up in his native county, was well educated in local schools and also attended the Mahoning Academy at Canfield and Elders Ridge Academy in Pennsylvania. He taught his first term of school between the ages of sixteen and seventeen. On coming to Hubbard in 1867 he was briefly engaged in the hardware business and then for several years was interested in the lumber industry in Tennessee. He returned to Hubbard as principal of the schools, and subsequently engaged in the hardware business with T. A. and W. C. Winfield. From 1876 all his best efforts were concentrated in banking. He was secretary and later cashier of the bank while under a national charter, was cashier of the Hubbard Banking Company from 1886 until 1903, when he was chosen president. He had the satisfaction of seeing the deposits of the institution increase from less than $40,000 to nearly $500,000.

Mr. March also gave his time to the best interests of his community, was a member of the school board about fifteen years, for a similar length of time was on the village council and held nearly all the township offices. He was an independent democrat and one of the veteran members of Hubbard Lodge No. 495 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was ordained a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church in May, 1899. While so much of his life was taken up with practical business, he always kept well informed, was a constant reader and enjoyed to the full the resources of his fine private library.

In February, 1871, he married Caroline M. Jackson, who died January 26, 1874. In 1879 he married Amy L. Applegate, a daughter of Calvin and Sarah J. (Coudrey) Applegate. Her mother was born

on McGuffy Street in Youngstown in 1820, a daughter of Erastus and Rebecca (McCormick) Coudrey. Erastus Coudrey was descended in the seventh generation from William Coudrey, who was born at Coudrey Castle in Weymouth, forty miles from London, in 1602. The possessor of this old castle today is the present Lord Coudrey. There is record of Queen Elizabeth having been entertained in this family seat at one time. William Coudrey settled at Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1630, and became prominent in the life of the Massachusetts colony. The only sister of Sarah J. Coudrey was Mrs. Lucinda Coudrey Russell, who died in 1917 at the home of her niece, Mrs. March, the day before her ninety-fifth birthday. Erastus Coudrey, maternal grandfather of Mrs. March, lived in Liberty Township, where he died in 1833, at advanced years. The family were all buried at Seceder Corners.

The Applegate family is also closely identified with the history of the Western Reserve. Mrs. March's great-grandfather, Benjamin Applegate, bought from John Young 150 acres in Liberty Township, and part of that land is still held by his descendants, including Mrs. March, who owns forty acres of this land. The 150 acres descended from Benjamin to his son James, who acquired about 600 acres. James Applegate came to Ohio in 1802 and died rather young on the farm in Liberty Township. He was a captain in the War of 1812. Calvin Applegate, father of Mrs. March, was born on the old homestead in 1809 and spent all his life on that farm three and a half miles north of the Diamond in Youngstown. He died at the age of eighty-four and his wife survived him ten years, passing away at the age of eighty-two. The children of Calvin Applegate and wife were: Catherine; Rebecca Jane, who became Mrs. R. J. Fleming and died in Liberty Township at the age of eighty-two; Joseph, who was killed as a soldier at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky; John, who also served in the Union army; Mary Ann, widow of Ephraim Stuart, living with her sister, Mrs. March; Amy Lucinda, Mrs. March; Lois, who died at the age of sixty-nine, the wife of R. P. McGeehan, of Kansas City; James, who lived on part of the old homestead and died in 1910; Clara, Mrs. Lynn Applegate, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Calvin, who died on the old homestead at the age of fifty-two; and Olive, who never married and died at the age of forty-five. A half brother of these children was Lieut. James P. Brisbine, who was killed at Culpeper Court House, Virginia, during the Civil war.

George E. Fisher, vice president of the Fisher-Gilder Cartage & Storage Company, is one of the energetic young business men of the city. He was born at Youngstown, Ohio, on June 27, 1883, a son of Emanuel and Sarah (Judd) Fisher. Emanuel Fisher founded a drayage business during the earlier days of his activities at Youngstown, it being then located on the northwest corner of the present site of the Stambaugh Building. When his son, George E. Fisher, was old enough to go into the business, he changed the name to that of E. Fisher & Son Company, and as such carried on a general cartage business. In 1913 it was reorganized as the Fisher-Gilder Cartage Company, and in 1918 was merged with the Fisher Fireproof Storage Company, that had been established in 1912, the new concern adopting the present style of the Fisher-Gilder Cartage & Storage Company. Mr. Fisher has charge of the cartage department, his partner, Mr. Gilder attending to the storage end of the business. Emanuel Fisher was prominent in securing the present canal system for furnishing Youngstown with its water supply, and otherwise took part in many civic movements, but aside from voting the democratic ticket, he did not participate in politics. His death occurred at Youngstown in 1917.

George E. Fisher was reared in his native city, and after he was graduated from the general course at Kenyon College, he returned to Youngstown and was taken into his father's cartage business. Having spent his life in this line of endeavor, Mr. Fisher is admirably fitted to handle its problems. His concern is the pioneer in the fireproof warehousing business of Youngstown, and handles the largest number of customers. He is a director of the Central Savings Bank.

On March 25, 1908, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Heller, a daughter of Adolph and Maria (Hoffman) Heller of Youngstown. Mrs. Fisher was graduated from the Rayen High School of Youngstown. During the late war she was very active as a canteen worker for the Red Cross, and Mr. Fisher was a member of the War Chest Committee for the Youngstown District.

Inheriting much of the energy and executive ability of his father, Mr. Fisher has taken prominent part in a number of business enterprises, and among other things assisted in organizing the Portage Silicate Company, in which he still retains his stock, and to which he contributes his services as a member of its directorate. In every branch of commercial and industrial endeavor with which he has been associated Mr. Fisher has displayed sound judgment and unusual ability, and his connection with an enterprise guarantees its solidity. Youngstown possesses no more sterling citizen than Mr. Fisher, and his worth is recognized by the men with whom his activities bring him into contact, and they have grown to depend upon him and to follow his advice for they have found it to be worth taking.

William H. Cunningham, mayor of East Youngstown, and a justice of the peace for two years, is probably the busiest man in the State of Ohio. The various milling interests at East Youngstown have attracted to this little city at least forty different nationalities. These foreign-born men are many of them ignorant of the laws of the country in which they have taken refuge from the ills of their own lands, and few of them can speak the language, so that many are the controversies which arise and can only be settled by Mayor Cunningham. To administer justice fairly, to remove the cause of discord and at the same time firmly inculcate a respect for the broken law, and inspire a reali-

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zation of the necessity of refraining from a second infringement, requires characteristics of a very unusual nature. That Mayor Cunningham does possess them is proven by the fact that those coming before his court leave it with a deep respect for him and the authority he represents, and the further one that few of his decisions are reversed by the higher courts.

Mayor Cunningham was born in East Youngstown on March 31, 1879, and owning it as a birthplace he understands its people and their problems as few others could. He is a son of A. M. and Ellen (Bentley) Cunningham, the former a pattern maker for years at the Andrew Brothers Mill, having come to East Youngstown at a very early day from Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and worked at his trade until he retired. His death occurred in 1918, when he was sixty-nine years of age, his wife having passed away when Mayor Cunningham was a child.

Growing up at East Youngstown, Mayor Cunningham attended its schools and began to be self-supporting as a clerk in a grocery store at Haselton, Ohio, which lies between East Youngstown and Youngstown, and later opened a grocery store of his own at East Youngstown and conducted it until he was elected mayor in 1913, and was re-elected in 1915, serving for two terms. During the time he has been mayor he has practically remade the place, securing for it electric light and the waterworks, created a board of health, and made it a modern city. Chosen for the office of justice of the peace in 1917, for four years, Mayor Cunningham held court each morning at East Youngstown up to the time when he re-assumed the office of mayor. He has most certainly been a friend of the people and a fearless exponent and supporter of law and order. In November, 1919, he was again elected mayor of East Youngstown for two years, taking up the duties of the office January 1, 1920. His present term is the third time he has served the people as mayor. He is a republican, has always been active in politics and has been one of the speakers in behalf of the party.

On November 15, 1905, Mayor Cunningham was married to Bessie Rupp, of East Youngstown, and they have one son, Earl. Mayor Cunningham owns his own residence and two other valuable properties in East Youngstown. He belongs to the Home Circle, the Foresters, the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose.

William F. Proctor has been a resident of Youngstown for thirty-three years and during all of this period has been connected with the shoe business. Commencing in the humblest position, he mastered its many details and has continued in the business until he has attained at length a commanding place among the enterprising dealers of Youngstown, and has been able to hold it amid the strong competition which increasing capital and trade has brought to the city. His success is due alone to his energetic character and business capacity, for he began life without pecuniary assistance or the aid of family or other favoring influence.

Mr. Proctor was born at Union City, Erie County, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1862, a son of Albert Proctor and his wife, a Miss Baxter, both of whom died at Union City. His education was acquired in a district school in the vicinity of the home farm, and at the age of nineteen years he secured a position as salesman in the Central Boot and Shoe Store of Erie, Pennsylvania. Coming to Youngstown in 1887, he entered the employ of J. W. Smith, with whom he remained as a salesman until 1894, when in partnership with Charles B. Klingensmith, he founded his present business, the firm taking in three older salesmen, George B. Cornell, vice president of the company; David Millar, secretary, and C. C. Hall, manager of the Walk-Over store operated by the company at 207 West Federal Street. In August, 1919, the Walk-Over Building was purchased by Messrs. Proctor and Klingensmith for the permanent home of the company, and the entire building will be utilized because of the great business expansion which has attended the development of this concern under the able executive management. In addition, Mr. Proctor is greatly interested in real estate matters, and has carried through to successful conclusion many building propositions. His career has been marked by industry, probity and enterprise, and his character has been enriched by such high qualities of generosity and kindliness as have made him popular. He is one of the charter members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and has been actively engaged in its work since its organization, being at present treasurer and a member of the board of trustees of the church.

September 7, 1886, Mr. Proctor married Harriet B. Stelle, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and to this union there have been born two children: Robert V., a graduate in mechanical engineering of Cornell University, class of 1915, who served at Washington, District of Columbia, in the ordnance purchasing department, and who follows his profession independently at Youngstown, until the spring of 1920. Now vice president and general manager of Commercial Shearing and Stamping Company. He married Pearl Grey, of Youngstown, and has one child, Roberta, born November 5, 1918; and Harriet Wilhma, born in 1899, who makes her home with her parents at Youngstown.

William A. Maline has practiced law at Youngstown for over forty years, and though one of the older members of the local bar he is in many ways still a man of youthful outlook and enthusiasm. There is no young man in Youngstown who follows the great sport of baseball with keener interest than this veteran lawyer, and he has long been regarded as one of the mainstays of the local sport.

Mr. Maline, who is also known as a gifted writer of verse, was born at Canton, Ohio, September 1, 1852, one of the eleven children of John and Catherine (Pirrong) Maline. His father was born near the River Rhine in Germany in 1808 and came to America in 1832. For many years he was a leading grocery merchant and business man of Canton, Ohio, and became prominent in politics, serving as president of the Board of Education and president

of the City Council. In 1865 he removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and enlisted his capital and enterprise in the manufacture of agricultural implements. His business career was interrupted by death about a year later. He married Catherine Pirrong at Canton in 1835.

William A. Maline attended public schools to the age of fifteen and after that for seven years was employed as a clerk, teacher and in other occupations. He began the study of law in the office of Henry Wise at Canton in 1875, and finished his reading at Youngstown with M. W. Johnson. Mr. Maline was admitted to the bar March 17, 1877, and has always enjoyed a substantial share of the legal business of the community.

He was elected and served as city solicitor from 1882 to 1884, and again held the same office from 1886 to 1888. In 1904 Mr. Maline assisted Hugh W. Grant in organizing the City Trust & Savings Bank, and is now attorney for that institution. He was also one of the promoters of the Columbian Land Company and is secretary and treasurer of that company. He has been a member of the Board of Library Trustees since 1898 and a director in the Community Service Association and Playground Association since their organization. Politically he is a democrat, and at different times has been closely identified with county management of the party.

As a poet some verse of exceptional merit is credited to him. In 1897 Burrows Brothers of Cleveland published a volume of his poems entitled "The Nineteenth Century and other Poems." Mr. Maline is one of the oldest members of the Knights of Columbus, a society which was first established in 1882. Mr. Maline helped organize the first council of this order at Youngstown in 1897 and was the first Grand Knight of the Council and is its present chorister.

On June 24, 1880, he married Miss Mary L. Rudge, daughter of George and Jane Rudge of Youngstown. Eleven children were born to their marriage, those to reach mature years being Mary L.; Cecil; John F.; Paul; William E.; Helen; Ruth; Julian; Frederick Eugene and Jane, and one died in infancy.

Samuel Allen Richards, now deceased, but formerly manager of the Struthers Furnace Company, was one of the honored men of Struthers, who discharged the duties of life with dignified capability, and, dying, left behind him a record of honorable service and right living. He was born at Akron, Ohio, on July 9, 1844, and died at Struthers on January 23, 1918. His parents were William and Mary (Hellawal) Richards, the former born at Quaker Yards, Wales. When he was eighteen years old William Richards came to the United States and located at Akron, Ohio, but in 1845 moved to Niles, Ohio, and in 1846 to Brier Hill, Ohio. A blacksmith by trade, William Richards rose in the world until he was a recognized leader and authority in the iron trade of the Mahoning Valley.

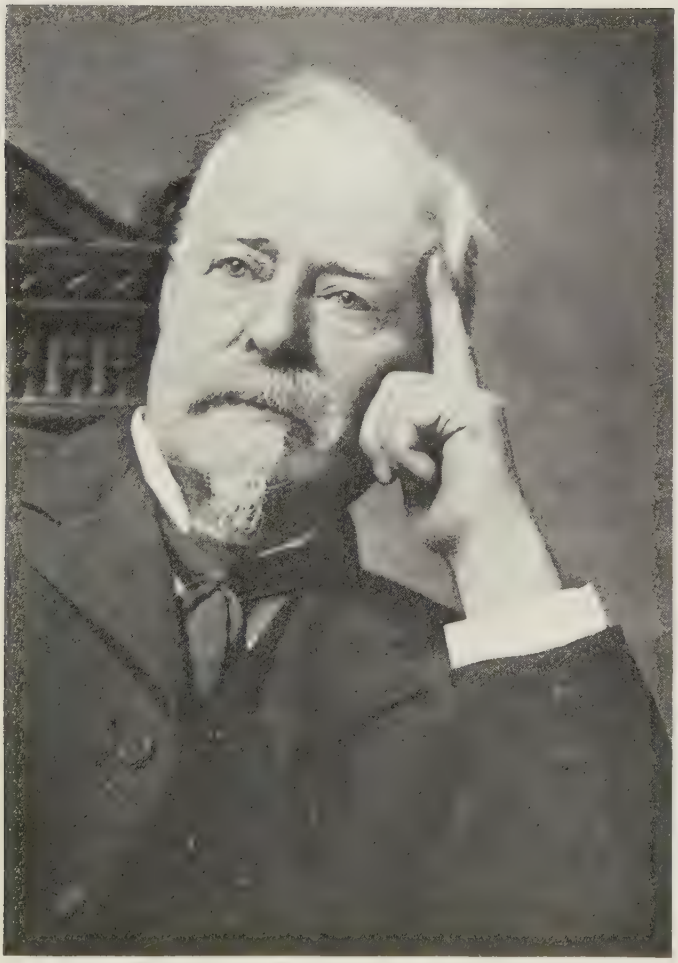
Samuel Allen Richards was reared in the Mahoning Valley and attended the Girard public schools and the Warren High School, and subsequently took a course in a commercial college at Cleveland, Ohio. Having thus prepared himself to be useful in the business world, Mr. Richards secured a position with the banking house of Wasson, Everett & Company of Cleveland, Ohio, as bookkeeper, and remained with that concern for six months.

In the meanwhile his father and other prominent men of Girard were constructing what became the Girard Iron Works, and Mr. Richards came to Girard from Cleveland to join his father. Later on he became a member of the firm of William Richards & Sons, who developed a furnace at Warren. In 1875 Mr. Richards became superintendent of the Cleveland Iron Company furnace, and remained with that company for three years, and then, until 1890, he was engaged in the conduct of different furnaces over the country, and traveled all over the United States in the interest of furnace owners, giving expert advice with reference to operation and management. In 1880 he was superintendent of the blast furnace department, comprising four furnaces of the Joliet, Illinois, Steel Works. Mr. Richards became a part owner of the Struthers furnace and was made its manager, but retired in 1910 to assume the responsibilities connected with the management of the Struthers Furnace Company and the Struthers Savings and Banking Company.

A noteworthy fact in connection with the work of Mr. Richards is that when he started the first blast furnace in Girard the output was about one ton per day, while the daily output of the Struthers Furnace Company which he managed up to the time of his retirement, is about 550 tons. All the various improvements in the process of making pig iron came under the personal supervision of Mr. Richards while he was in charge of the plant, and being a most progressive man he adopted them with the results as stated above.

In 1869 Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Miss Mary Shoenberger, of Warren, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Lucy M., who died at the age of fourteen years; Charles, who died in infancy; Henry Tod, who was born on November 17, 1875, while his father was superintendent of the River Furnace at Cleveland, Ohio; and Jules G., who is mentioned below. Henry Tod Richards, now retired, was superintendent of the Coates Brothers furnace at Coatesville, Pennsylvania, for three years, from 1911 to 1913, inclusive. He is now a resident of Chicago. He married Sarah R. Richards, a daughter of George W. Homer, of Riverford, Illinois. Mrs. Samuel A. Richards was a daughter of George Shoenberger, and she died on August 10, 1919. In young manhood Mr. Richards was made a Mason. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian.

A man of high ideal with reference to business obligations, Mr. Richards handled with tact and success a number of difficult problems. He was a man of personal charm, culture and wide intellectual interests and used his talents in the positions of advancing responsibilities and dignity he was called upon to hold. His were the qualities of character which make for the best type of citizenship, and he was always held to be one of the representatives of the ideals and standards of the substantial ele-



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ment of the Mahoning Valley, and always kept the good of his community at heart and was very generous to it of both his time and money.

JULES G. RICHARDS, son of Samuel Allen Richards, was born at Joliet, Illinois, July 4, 1880. He attended the Rayen High School in Youngstown for a year and then became a student of the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, and specialized in chemistry. Upon his return to Struthers he entered the laboratory of the Struthers Furnace Company as sample boy, rising to be a chemist and later assistant superintendent under Superintendent Baldwin.

On September 19, 1906, Jules G. Richards was united in marriage with Lillie Clark, of River Forest, Illinois, a daughter of George W. Clark, a business man of that city. They have four daughters, namely: Helen, Dorothy, Marian and Jean. Mr. Richards belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Struthers. Like his father he is a thirty-second degree Mason, through both the York and Scottish Rites and a member Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a republican, and has served as a member of the village council of Struthers. Having learned the fundamentals of commercial life under his father's careful supervision, Mr. Richards bids fair to follow in that worthy's footsteps in many respects, and is equally interested in the welfare of his community, and approaches the subject of its needs with an open mind and quick understanding.

GEORGE RUDGE. The active career of the late George Rudge was connected with the most important period in the development of Youngstown, from 1852 to 1906, and is linked with the construction of some of the most important agricultural and commercial enterprises which stimulated the community's growth and formed the basis of its present prestige. Although his death occurred in 1906, his personality is still known, and his labors were so fruitful of results and were conducted on such sound and practical lines, that they entitle his name to be remembered with sentiments of profound veneration among the founders and builders of the city's greatness.

Mr. Rudge was born at Ross, Hertfordshire, England, and was there married in 1852 to Miss Jane Stock, of Worcestershire, England. Immediately following their union, Mr. Rudge came to the United States to visit his brother, James Rudge, a resident of Poland, Ohio, and on this trip, as a business venture, brought with him a flock of Cotswold sheep which he had bred in his native land. These animals won for him the first prize at the Northern Ohio Fair, which was held in Cleveland. To Mr. Rudge is given the credit for starting the Long Wool breed of sheep in this part of Ohio, but in February, 1870, he retired from farming and stock raising and from that time forward was principally engaged in the real estate business at Youngstown. His business operations extended over a wide area of territory and brought him into contact with a great number of people, among whom he maintained a position only secured by men of integrity and probity. Fertile in resources, the reverses which often dismay men proved with him to be only temporary embarrassments and every new undertaking was prosecuted with a zeal and energy which merited and attained, success. The engrossment of his undertakings left little time to engage in other employment. Aside from the offices mentioned, he left public concerns to those whose tastes or leisure better fitted them for such tasks. He, however, found time to indulge in the social intercourse and charitable work of his city, and when he died, in 1906, at the age of eighty-three years, there were many to mourn him as friend and benefactor. His wife passed away within three days of his death, being then seventy-six years of age. They were the parents of eight children: George; Frederick, deceased; Mrs. Louise Maline; J. Edgar; Mary, deceased; Eugene, of Milwaukee; Agnes and William of Pittsburgh.

PATRICK J. KANE, treasurer and superintendent of the Colloran-Kane Company, of Youngstown, is an exemplification of the predominance of the self-made man, and of the truth of the statement that it is not those who have, but those who gain, a competence who attain distinction in various walks of life. Mr. Kane is a native of Ireland, and was born February 17, 1875, his parents being Robert and Maria (Mulcrone) Kane.

The parents of Mr. Kane emigrated to the United States in 1883, with their children, and settled at Youngstown, where they had been preceded by Robert Kane's brother, John Kane, one of the early contractors of Youngstown. Robert Kane worked for his brother for a time and then secured employment in what is now the Republic Steel Company's plant, where he remained until an accident disabled him and he was forced to retire. He was a man widely known, and an outstanding tribute to him was the fact that at the time of his death, in 1918, when he was eighty-four years of age, his funeral was the largest attended of any that Youngstown has known. He is survived by his widow, who lives at Youngstown. They were the parents of nine children, the survivors all being residents of Youngstown: John, Edward, James, Patrick J., Charles, Robert; Catherine, who married Lemuel Snover; Peter and Philip, deceased.

Patrick J. Kane graduated from St. Columbus school in 1889 and at that time entered the employ of J. N. Ewer's Sons, as errand boy. He proved faithful, efficient and industrious, and so rapid was his advancement that at the end of five years he was superintendent of the entire factory. He remained with this concern for thirteen years, and while there interested six men of Youngstown and organized the Colloran-Kane Company, of which he was made superintendent and treasurer, positions which he holds at this time. He is also interested in other large business and financial enterprises, and is accounted one of his city's most energetic and capable business men. He finds time from his business affairs to interest himself in other activities which make up the life of Youngstown, and is a member of St. Edwards Parish Church and president

of St. Edwards Men's Club of the parish. He has likewise been active in the Knights of Columbus, in which he is at present chairman of the athletic committee.

Mr. Kane was married July 25, 1906, to Mary Shaughnessy, daughter of Michael and Mary (Lally) Shaughnessy, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Shaughnessy having been one of Youngstown's earliest settlers and for many years a worker in the mills. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kane, only one of whom now survives: Marion Lucille, who was born in 1907. Mr. Kane built and owns the pleasant family residence at 1532 Florencedale Avenue, Youngstown.

William C. Holzworth. For over twenty-one years Mr. Holzworth has been one of the skilled technical men and executives in the operation of iron and steel plants both in Eastern Ohio and in Pennsylvania. He began his career as a chemist, but for a number of years has been a superintendent of furnace operation, and his present duties are as superintendent of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company's plant at Lowellville.

Mr. Holzworth, whose home is at Youngstown, at 466 Crandall Avenue, was born at Southington in Trumbull County, November 14, 1881. His parents were William and Pauline (Kurz) Holzworth. His father, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, became a prominent stone contractor in the Mahoning Valley. In the spring of 1882 he moved his family to Youngstown, and for many years continued his business as a builder of bridges, houses and foundations. He also operated a quarry for the production of building stone, and at one time operated the old Mill Creek coal mine. His death occurred in 1905, at the age of sixty-three.

William C. Holzworth grew up in Youngstown, finished his education in the Rayen High School, and gained a practical and thorough knowledge of the chemistry of metals in a laboratory under S. W. McKeown. Then, in 1899, he was sent to Lowellville as chief chemist for the Ohio Iron and Steel Company, and his present work is with that same plant, operated under a different name. After two years he went to Pittsburg as chemist for the American Steel and Wire Company, and was soon assigned to furnace work as assistant superintendent at Allegheny and Neville Island. He was with the American Steel and Wire Company until 1908 as superintendent, and then took charge of the furnace of the Republic Iron and Steel Company at Smoky Hollow, Youngstown, known as the Mahoning Valley Works. He was next with the Worth Brothers Company as general superintendent of blast furnaces at Coatesville, Pennsylvania, but resigned in 1910 to become superintendent for the Ohio Iron & Steel Company at Lowellville. The plant of this company has been operated over forty years at Lowellville. In 1917 it was acquired by the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, without change of local officials. This Lowellville industry has enjoyed an exceptional freedom from strikes and labor troubles, and for years has been worked to full capacity.

Mr. Holzworth is a prominent Mason and has taken all the degrees in the order. He is a member of the York Rite, the Scottish Rite Consistory and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. In 1916 he married Margaret R. Wagstaff, of Youngstown. She was born at Cambridge, Ohio, daughter of James W. Wagstaff, who is connected with the Sheet and Tube Company.

William T. Williams. The business life of William T. Williams, one of Youngstown's prominent merchants, has embraced a period of nearly forty years, from 1881 to the present, and has covered the most phenomenal era in the growth of the city from its business infancy to its full maturity. At the present time he is vice president of the Colbourn-Williams Company, leading wholesale fruit and produce company, being the founder of the company, and his other interests combine to make him one of the prominent factors in the city's commercial and industrial life.

Mr. Williams was born in Wales, August 2, 1856, and in the same year came from Cwmtwech, that country, to the United States with his parents, who settled at Youngstown. His father, William T. Williams, Sr., was a coal miner, and worked for a time in the mines at Crab Creek and Brier Hill, but eventually homesteaded the house and lot at Kyles Corners, which still remain in the family possession. Mrs. Williams, who bore the maiden name of Mary Thomas, died at Boardman, Ohio, in 1917.

William T. Williams attended the public school at Hubbard, where the family resided, from the age of ten to eighteen years, and for a time was employed in the coal mines. His inclinations, however, were for a career in business, and his introduction to mercantile affairs was secured as a clerk in the store of his brother, John T. Williams. In 1881 Mr. Williams became a proprietor on his own account, when he bought the business of a grocer on West Federal Street, Youngstown, on the present site of the Benjamin Fellows Building, and continued to be wholly engaged in this enterprise until 1883. He subsequently built a structure at 313 West Federal Street, but later sold his store and with Thomas J. Thomas, former assistant city solicitor, and Griffith T. Williams, formed a partnership known as the Williams-Thomas Company, wholesale produce dealers, with a place of business at 115 East Commerce Street. This venture grew and flourished until 1911, in which year Mr. Williams' brother, Griffith T., died, and Mr. Williams purchased the interest of Mr. Thomas. Later he became the organizer of the Colbourn-Williams Company, moving to 119 East Front Street, the original officers of this concern being: J. W. Colbourn, president; William T. Williams, vice president; George L. Dicks, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Dicks was succeeded in office in 1915 by J. W. Colbourn, Jr., and Miss Grace Williams is now a member of the board of directors. In 1917 the company moved to its present location at 202 West Front Street.

Mr. Williams' business abilities have led him into other fields of endeavor, where he has been equally successful. He is president of the New Park Land Company, of which he was the organizer, and is largely interested in Front Street real estate, in addition to being the owner of a five-acre farm on Jacobs

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Road. His only fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of the Maccabees. The Williams family has always been identified with the Congregational Church, and Mr. Williams' brother, Rev. David T. Williams, is pastor of the church of that faith at Temple, New Hampshire, and has four sons wearing the cloth. Mr. Williams is treasurer and was one of the charter members of Plymouth Congregational Church of Youngstown. His contributions to the development of his city and to the betterment of its institutions have been numerous and generous.

Mr. Williams was married to Jane Griffith, daughter of Thomas Griffith, a pioneer of Youngstown, who died in 1889, leaving two daughters: Edith, who is deceased; and Miss Grace. Mr. Williams' second wife was formerly Mrs. Ann Davis, of Youngstown, proprietress of the Commercial Hotel, who died in 1911. In 1913 Mr. Williams was united with his present wife, formerly Mrs. Emma Hoover, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Nils P. Johnson, of Youngstown, head of a wholesale grocery firm of Mahoning County, has brought to his calling superior and systematic business methods, and in the management of his many affairs is meeting with signal success. A son of Johann August and Christina (Swenson) Nelson, he was born, August 18, 1860, near Halmstad, a city of Sweden, where he was brought up and educated.

After leaving the public schools of his native town, Nils P. Johnson worked with his father, who was a contractor, an auctioneer, and a merchant, obtaining excellent training and valuable business experience. Coming to the United States in 1880 ostensibly to visit an old friend, Charles Nelson, of Titusville, Pennsylvania, but going from there to Jamestown, New York, in 1882, he was employed in the Jamestown Ax Factory two years, and for six years thereafter was connected with the Dagus Mines, in Elk County, Pennsylvania, his work being confined to driving entrances, an employment in which he secured a diploma for efficiency, and was offered a position as mine foreman, but the work being distasteful to him he refused the promotion.

Locating in Renovo, Pennsylvania, in 1889, Mr. Johnson in company with Peter J. Anderson, one of his co-workers in the mines, opened a general mercantile establishment, which he managed successfully for a number of years. Selling his interest in the firm to his partner in 1904, Mr. Johnson came to Youngstown to join forces with his brother, Alfred Johnson, and D. L. Rose, organizing the Rose-Johnson Company, with Mr. Rose as president, Mr. Johnson as vice president, and Alfred Johnson as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Rose retiring in 1915, Mr. Nils P. Johnson became president of the organization, Claude K. Thomson vice president, Alfred Johnson retaining his office as secretary and treasurer, with Alfred Johnson, D. L. Rose, Nils P. Johnson, and Chase Truesdale as directors. Mr. Johnson has also other interests of much importance. In 1914 he erected a three-story brick building at the corner of Woodland Avenue and Market Street, and on August 30, 1915, there established a dry goods firm. He is president of the Swedish Auditorium Company.

An ardent republican in politics, ever interested in city, county, state and national affairs, Mr. Johnson served while in Renovo, Pennsylvania, one term on the local council and one term as city treasurer, and represented Clinton County in the state convention, 1902. During the Taft presidential campaign he was secretary of the executive committee, and won Mahoning County for Taft, Paul Hoxey having served as president of the committee. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Youngstown lodge and St. Johns Commandery; to the Valley of Williamsport Consistory; and is a member of Wilkes-Barre Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of the Swedish Political Club; of the Gustav Adolph Society; and of the Scandinavian Brotherhood.

Mr. Johnson married, March 13, 1883, Emma, daughter of Anders and Petro Nella Nelson, of Jamestown, New York. Ten children have been born of their union, three of whom have passed to the life beyond, Charles William, the oldest son, having died at two years of age; Paul, in 1907, and Nellie, in 1916. Those living are as follows: Sadie; Mamie, a hospital nurse; Emma; Alice; Florence; Charles, named for the son that died, is credit man for the Rose-Johnson Company; and Walter, who married Miss Maude Osberg, of Struthers, and is now taking the law course at the University of Michigan, was first lieutenant in the Machine Gun Company, Three Hundred and Thirty-Second Infantry, and served in France and Italy, taking part in the defeat of Austrians. Mr. Johnson attends the Swedish Mission Church, and his wife is a member of the same church, and the Ladies' Aid Society.

J. Craig Smith, of Youngstown, was for many years actively and prominently identified with the development and advancement of the mining interests of our country, and through his energetic industry, keen business judgment, and wise economy accumulated a sufficient amount of this world's goods to allow him to spend the later days of his long and useful life retired from active pursuits. He was born, in 1839, in New York City, of pure Scotch ancestry.

His father, Edgar E. Smith, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and there grew to manhood. Soon after his marriage with Helen Scott, a native of Selkirk, Scotland, he immigrated to the United States, locating first in New York City, and later settling with his family in Akron, Ohio, where he was employed as a contractor during the remainder of his active life.

But a year old when his parents located at Akron, Ohio, J. Craig Smith attended the public schools during the days of his boyhood, and as a young man worked with his father as a contractor. Coming eventually to Youngstown, he was in the employ of the Morris Price Coal Company at Niles, and then accepted a position with the Moselle Iron Company, at Moselle, Missouri, and for twelve or more years operated the blast furnaces. Returning then to

Youngstown, Mr. Smith operated the Reynoldsville Coal Mines until 1885, when he gave up active business, and thereafter lived retired until his death, August 30, 1911.

A man of keen business insight and judgment, Mr. Smith was associated with many of the leading industrial and financial organizations of this section of the state as a director, including among others the Mahoning National Bank, which he served in that capacity for many years. He was instrumental in organizing the Standard Textile Products Company, which first came into existence as the Ohio Oilcloth Company, and was one of the organizers, and a director, of the New York Ship Building Company of Camden, New Jersey. In 1902 he was appointed, by Governor Bushnell, as commissioner from the Congressional District of the State Centennial to be held at Toledo, but which was subsequently postponed.

Mr. Smith was twice married. He married first Mary E. Powers, a daughter of Abram and Eliza (Adair) Powers, early pioneers of the Mahoning Valley, where they homesteaded considerable land. Her father was not only interested in clearing and improving the land, but, associated with his brother William as head of the firm of A. & W. Powers, was an extensive and successful coal operator, working mines in both Ohio and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mary E. (Powers) Smith died in early life, leaving three children, of whom two are now living, as follows: Mrs. Charles D. Spaulding, of New Rochelle, New York; and A. Powers Smith, of Youngstown.

In 1880, three years after the death of his first wife, J. Craig Smith married Achsa Adair, of Youngstown, and of the three children born of their union, two are living, as follows: Miss Sidna E. Smith and Miss Jeannette C. Smith, both of Youngstown.

John E. Longnecker became identified with Struthers in January, 1908. He located here as the purchaser of a drug business formerly owned by A. M. Lyons. Many will recall the financial conditions prevailing at that time all over the country and operating with peculiarly oppressive force upon Struthers. The conditions were largely a reflection of the financial stringency of the preceding fall. Industry at Struthers was at a standstill, and no one could predict an early resumption of business activity.

The purchase of a local drug business by Mr. Longnecker was therefore in every sense an act of faith. The drug store reflected the other conditions of the country, its trade had fallen off, and its stock was reduced almost to the minimum. Mr. Longnecker was an experienced druggist and pharmacist, took hold of the business with vigor, put it on a paying basis, and did that at a time when it was most difficult to do so. Consequently he has been in a position to enjoy the full benefit of the remarkable prosperity that has overtaken Struthers in recent years.

Mr. Longnecker was born at Piqua, Ohio. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having been in the hospital service of the regular army at Columbus Barracks, at Chickamauga, and Fort McPherson. His first connection with Youngstown was with the Averbeck Drug Company, remaining with it two years as a salesman. For five years he traveled over Northeast Ohio calling on the retail trade as representative for the great Detroit house of manufacturing chemists and druggists, Parke, Davis & Company. After leaving the road he resumed work for the Averbeck Company for two years, and then in January, 1908, invested a very modest capital in the store of A. M. Lyons at Struthers. With the continued growth and expansion of his business in recent years he has established a second store on State Street. Mr. Longnecker served as one of the first commissioners for the Yellow Creek Park. He has been prominent in the Knights of Pythias Order and was a member of the Building Committee for the Knights of Pythias Building, a structure highly creditable to the town. He is a past chancellor of the local lodge of that order and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, St. John's Commandery, and Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is still a trustee of the Knights of Pythias Building, and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge.

In 1903 he married Daisy B. Longenecker, of Columbus, Ohio. They have one child John, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Longnecker are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and both of them gave much of their time and means to promoting patriotic movements during the war. Mr. Longnecker was active in Red Cross work, and is also a literary club worker, being president of the Fact and Fiction Club at Youngstown and one of the founders and a charter member of the Struthers Reading Circle.

Henry Manning Kelly, assistant district manager United Engineering and Foundry Company, whose name is prominently identified with the Youngstown industrial district, began earning his own living at the age of eleven and at the age of nineteen became an employe of Lloyd Booth & Company, now United Engineering & Foundry Company, and eventually rose to executive position in that well known Youngstown concern.

Mr. Kelly was born in Mahoning County, July 10, 1867, son of David Z. and Ann Eliza (Griffith) Kelly. His mother was member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Mahoning County. His father was a Youngstown tailor, and later entered the Union army with an Ohio regiment and on account of the hardships of his army experience died at a comparatively early age in 1873.

Henry M. Kelly was only six years of age when his father died and though he managed to secure an education in the local schools, he went to work as an employe in a store at the age of eleven. He was nineteen when he became office boy for Lloyd Booth & Company, and enjoyed successive promotions until in October, 1902, he was made assistant manager of what by that time was the Lloyd Booth Company Department of the United Engineering and Foundry Company.

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Mr. Kelly is a member of the First Baptist Church and fraternally is a Mason, member of the Youngstown Club and Youngstown Country Club. In 1893 he married Mary Lillie Coale, daughter of Garrison Coale of Youngstown. They have one son, Ralph L.

George W. Knotts. Thoroughly conversant with his profession, and endowed with much executive and business ability, George W. Knotts, district manager of the United Engineering and Foundry Company, is an active and able assistant in maintaining the reputation of Youngstown as one of the busier centers of the iron and steel industry. He was born in 1867 in Baltimore, Maryland, a son of Henry and Alberta B. (Graves) Knotts, neither of whom are now living.

Having a natural taste for mechanics, George W. Knotts was mechanical engineer with the National Tube Company at McKeesport, and had supervision over several departments of United Engineering and Foundry Company in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Coming from that city to Youngstown in June, 1917, he immediately assumed the management of the Youngstown District of the United Engineering and Foundry Company, which has absorbed the William Tod Company, the Lloyd Booth Company, and the old Mahoning Foundry Company, and is performing the duties imposed upon him in that capacity with characteristic ability and fidelity.

Mr. Knotts married in 1887, Rachel Winton, of Pittsburgh, and they have one son, William Walter, born in 1887. During the World war Mr. Knotts served on all local committees. He is now one of the directors of the United Engineering and Foundry Company. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Alfred Johnson. Like many other of Youngstown's active and successful business men, Alfred Johnson, a wholesale grocer, is of foreign birth and breeding, having been born on a farm in Sweden, May 9, 1874. Immigrating to the United States in 1890, he came directly to Youngstown, where two of his sisters, Mrs. C. J. Broberg and Mrs. Alfred Hammar, were living.

Industrious, and an ambitious student, Alfred completed the course of study in the public schools, in the meantime paying his way by taking care of Captain Stambaugh's horses. Entering the employ of the Baldwin-Morgan Company in 1892, he remained with the firm nine years, and when, in 1901, the company liquidated, Mr. Johnson, with one of his coworkers, David L. Rose, as partner, embarked in the wholesale grocery business, in the undertaking being very successful. In 1905, with a capital of $100,000, the company was incorporated, Mr. Rose being made president and Mr. Johnson secretary and treasurer. In 1917, after twelve years of prosperity, Mr. Rose retired from the firm, and Mr. Johnson's brother, Nils P. Johnson, succeeded to the presidency while Claude K. Thomson is vice president. Locating on Front Street the company purchased the property belonging to Mr. Maag, of the Vindicator, and erected its present large and well equipped building, and under the efficient management of Mr. Johnson, who has entire control of all inside work, is carrying on business with highly gratifying results.

Mr. Johnson married, in 1899, Augusta Kell, daughter of John and Sophie Kell, of Youngstown. Her father is a retired worker of the Ohio Steel Plant, and her mother has passed to the life beyond.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of seven children, namely: Harold, born in 1900, is a student in the Thiel College of Greenville; Raymond, born in 1901; Lawrence, born in 1903; Alice, born in 1905; Edna, born in 1907; Henry, born in 1909; and Ellen, born in 1912. Mr. Johnson is a republican in politics, but votes for the best men and measures regardless of party alignment. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the Sinking Fund Board of the Youngstown schools. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are active and valued members of the Swedish Mission Church, of which he is treasurer.

Calvin C. Lance. As secretary and treasurer of the Youngstown Candy Company, Calvin C. Lance is officially connected with one of the best patronized manufacturing and mercantile establishments of the city, no class of trade being more attractive to the general public than that associated with the making and selling of toothsome dainties and delicacies, an art and science of which he is past master. A Pennsylvanian by birth, he was born, May 25, 1879, in Beaver County, on the farm of his parents, David M. and Mary L. (Beatty) Lance.

Left fatherless in infancy, Calvin C. Lance was graduated from the Beaver Falls High School, after which he began work as a clerk in the retail grocery of Allen Brothers. Becoming somewhat familiar with the business, he had charge of Christopher Schwab's grocery for eight years, being successful in his undertakings. Subsequently entering the employ of the D. L. Clark Company, he traveled on the road for the Beaver Falls branch of that firm for a time, later assuming charge of its Youngstown branch. That company disposed of all its branches in June, 1906, and Mr. Lance, in company with Mr. Clark, purchased the interests of the D. L. Clark Company, and in 1912 had it incorporated under its present name, the Youngstown Candy Company, Mr. Clark being made president, and Mr. Lance secretary and treasurer, as above mentioned.

Energetic, enterprising and ambitious, Mr. Lance has been a hard and faithful worker from his youth up, having first worked for wages in a glass factory when but twelve years old, and having been busy ever since, even as a school boy working during his vacations. The firm of which he is now a member erected the building which it now occupies, at 26-28 East Front Street, and also built the establishment in which it was originally located, and which is now occupied by the Ohio Gas Company, at the corner of Champion and Boardman streets. Especially particular that all of their productions shall be pure, wholesome, and health-giving, this company has built up an extensive and remunerative trade, their business, which is done locally and through truck delivery, requiring the services of fifteen employees, six of whom are salesmen. Mr. Lance is also connected with the D. L. Clark Candy Company of

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, being a member of its board of directors.

In 1908 Mr. Lance was united in marriage with Miss Ella Houston, a daughter of John M. and Annie (Smith) Houston, natives of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, David M., born in 1910. Politically Mr. Lance supports the principles of the republican party by voice and vote. Fraternally he belongs to Western Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Youngstown; to the local Chapter, Commandery and Consistory; and to the Cleveland Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

JOHN W. SHAFFER is a resident of Lowellville and from December 11, 1912, to January 1, 1920, was superintendent of the local plant of the Mahoning Limestone Company.

Mr. Shaffer was born at Bessemer, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1881, son of John Shaffer. He was reared on his father's farm at Hillsville, Pennsylvania, and after his schooling left the farm and became an employe of the Carbon Limestone Company in that village. His first employment was in a humble capacity, such as greasing cars. He was promoted, served as timekeeper four years, and altogether spent seven years with the Carbon Company.

The general offices of the Mahoning Limestone Company are at Newcastle, Pennsylvania. This company operates a number of quarries, all of which are in Pennsylvania and the greater part of the quarry at Lowellville is in that state. The quarries at Lowellville are a half mile east of the village. Lowellville is located on both sides of the Mahoning River, and the bold bluffs of that stream at this point contain thick strata of limestone. Ever since the establishment of the iron industry in the Mahoning Valley these limestone bluffs have been worked for material used by the furnaces and steel mills as an essential in the fluxing of iron. Another important use was limestone rock for railroad ballast. While probably the greater part of the output of the Lowellville quarries has gone to the iron and steel mills, in recent years another market has developed large possibilities, in the use of ground limestone rock for agricultural purposes. All progressive farmers now recognize the importance of treating their lands with lime, and in certain seasons of the year great quantities of crushed limestone are hauled direct from the Lowellville quarries to adjacent farms.

When Mr. Shaffer became superintendent of the plant in 1912 the daily production was about fourteen tons of lime rock. This output has steadily increased until it now averages 1,000 tons daily. The maximum production for a single month was 30,000 tons. From 154 to 160 men are employed at the quarry, and the monthly payroll averages between $16,000 and $18,000. Many of the employes live near the quarries, though some come to their work from a considerable distance. That the industry has been conducted with an almost entire absence of labor trouble during the last seven years was largely due to Mr. Shaffer's success in creating satisfactory relations between his men and the company and his personal service in adjusting complaints as quickly as they arose. The Lowellville quarries have provided a maximum of the appliances and methods for prevention of injury, and while quarrying is generally considered a dangerous occupation, the records of the Lowellville quarries during the past seven years disclose loss of only two lives. Mr. Shaffer resigned his position with the Mahoning Lime Stone Company on January 1, 1920, on account of a nervous breakdown. He is one of the very popular citizens of Lowellville. He served on the village council two years, and in that capacity advocated sewer extension and other public improvements. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1906 he married Miss Charlotte Edwards, of Youngstown. She was born over the Pennsylvania line, a daughter of Jerry and Elizabeth (Williams) Edwards. Her father was a sewer contractor and is now deceased, and her mother lives at Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have one son, John Edward Shaffer, born in 1910.

A. L. GUENTNER. A man of recognized worth as a citizen, A. L. Guentner is contributing his full share in promoting the mercantile and manufacturing interests of Youngstown, having built up a substantial business as a jeweler, his superior knowledge and love of the beauty and value of precious stones winning him a good patronage. A son of the late Anton Guentner, he was born, January 18, 1885, in Cleveland, Ohio, of German lineage.

Born in Bavaria, Germany, Anton Guentner obtained an excellent education in his native land, receiving a degree in a Bavarian college. Coming to the United States, he located in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged in mechanical pursuits until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Josephine Walzer, is still living, her home being in Hudson.

Brought up and educated in Cleveland, A. L. Guentner had the usual boyhood experiences. In 1906, having previously acquired some knowledge of the jeweler's trade, he entered the employ of Webb C. Ball, a wholesale jeweler, serving first as a stenographer, and later as a buyer. Continuing with Mr. Ball, he was on the road as commercial salesman for six years, becoming well acquainted with the people and country roundabout. Taking up his residence in Youngstown in 1915, Mr. Guentner purchased the jewelry business of the Parson & Amsden Company, and in its management has since met with unqualified success, by his courtesy and upright dealings making and retaining customers from all parts of the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Guentner married, in 1907, Louise Strandt, a daughter of Carl and Louise Strandt, and of their union three children have been born, namely: Antoinette, born in 1908; Josephine, born in 1910; and Daniel, born in 1915. Liberal in his views, and a close student of current events, Mr. Guentner is an earnest worker for clean politics. During the World war he served on the War Chest Council, and solicited in all the Liberty Loan drives. Socially he is a charter member, and a director, of the Kiwanas Club, which he served as secretary in 1917

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and 1918. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN F. CANTWELL, SR. Distinguished not only as a self-made and self-educated man, but as an able and prosperous business man of Youngstown, and one of its highly respected citizens, John F. Cantwell, Sr., is eminently worthy of representation in a work of this character. He was born, March 16, 1856, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, a son of Robert and Mary (Keating) Cantwell, neither of whom are now living. His father emigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1836, and was engaged thereafter in the mining of coal until his death.

With practically no educational advantages in his boyhood and youth, it is a significant fact that until attaining his majority John F. Cantwell, Sr., could neither read nor write, his present knowledge, however, bearing evidence of a keen, active brain, and a receptive mind. Accompanying his parents to Bradford County, Pennsylvania, in 1866, he was there a worker in the coal mines until 1882, when, owing to the scarcity of coal in that region, he decided to turn his attention to the iron and steel industry. Selecting Youngstown as a favorable location, he entered the puddling department of the Cartwright-McCurdy Company, with which he remained six years. Entering the employ of the city in May, 1888, Mr. Cantwell served on the police force for three years, and from that time until September, 1894, was chief of police, being then retired.

Beginning soon after his retirement to write insurance, Mr. Cantwell met with encouraging success, in a comparatively brief time developing a general real estate and insurance business, becoming associated, with Leo Guthman. His sons, Robert W., died January 5, 1920; John F., Jr., and James E., are now in business with him, and the firm is actively identified with the sub-dividing of Youngstown real estate and building property. Influential in local affairs, Mr. Cantwell is a member of the board of directors of the Youngstown Citizens Saving Company, and is connected with the Mahoning Valley Mortgage Company.

In 1883 Mr. Cantwell was united in marriage with Margaret, daughter of John and Margaret Ring, and of their union three children have been born, namely: Robert W., who married Nellie Murray, of Youngstown; John F. married Katherine Kerwin, and they have five children, John, Margaret, Frank, Mary, and Sarah; and James E., who married Hattie McCabe, of Cleveland. Fraternally Mr. Cantwell is a member and past state president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America.

VENICE J. LAMB. An active and highly esteemed member of the legal profession, Venice J. Lamb, of Youngstown, has had a large and extended practice, and is justly recognized as one of the able and successful attorneys of Mahoning County. A native of this city, he was born October 1, 1879, coming on both sides of the house of Welsh ancestry.

His father, Thomas W. Lamb, came from his native country, Wales, to the United States as a young man, settling in Youngstown in 1863. Forming a partnership with William I. Williams, he was subsequently for many years engaged in the retail grocery business on Federal Street, having been junior member of the firm of Williams & Lamb, the former of whom is now at the head of the Williams-Coburn Company. He married Margaret Williams, whose father came with his family from Wales to this country in 1865, locating in Hubbard, Ohio.

Acquiring the rudiments of his education in Youngstown, Venice J. Lamb was graduated from the Rayen High School, and 1898 entered Harvard University, which subsequently conferred upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. After studying law for a year at Harvard, Mr. Lamb returned to Youngstown, and completed his law course in the office of D. F. Anderson. In 1906 he was admitted to the Ohio bar, and three years later was admitted to partnership with his former preceptor. The firm thus established has been very successful, not only in Youngstown, but in Cleveland, where it maintains an office, in both cities specializing on negligence cases.

Mr. Lamb married in 1902, Pearl, daughter of Doctor Whiteside, a prominent dentist of Youngstown, and his wife, whose maiden name was Flora Grier. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb have two children, Herschell, born in 1909; and Caroline, born in 1911.

JAMES P. COLLERAN. A man of excellent business sagacity and judgment, James P. Colleran, of Youngstown, president of the Colleran-Kane Company, has been instrumental in developing and advancing the mercantile and financial interests of Youngstown, and has been an important factor in the up-building of city, and in the establishment of beneficial enterprises. A native of West Virginia, he was born in Parkersburg, in 1869, a son of Dennis and Mary (Langley) Colleran, natives of Ireland. His father came to the United States with his family in 1866, locating first at Parkersburg, West Virginia, but later coming to Youngstown, where he was employed as a railroad contractor until his death. in 1879.

Obtaining his early education in the St. Columbus school, James P. Colleran, at the age of ten years, entered the employ of E. M. McGillen as cash boy, being the first lad thus employed in the city. He was afterwards a clerk in the general store of M. Clemens for a number of years, while there obtaining scant knowledge of systematic business methods, as his employer never invoiced his merchandise. From 1885 until 1891 Mr. Colleran was with George L. Fordyce, having charge of the linen department, for which he did all the buying, and the following seven years was assistant buyer in the cloak department of the McKelvey Company's establishment. In 1898 he assisted in the organization of the Warren Dry Goods Company, at Warren, and in addition to serving as vice president and a director of the company assumed charge of its cloak department, becoming both manager and buyer. In 1902 he organized the Colleran-Kane Company, of Youngstown, taking the office of president, while Patrick J. Kane was made vice president and superintendent of the firm.

This enterprising company, with the able assistance

of Peter J. Moran and Eugene Hammond has met with success in its operations, its original capital of $20,000 having been increased to $40,000, while its working force has been correspondingly enlarged, numbering now about forty people. Mr. Colleran is also officially connected with other financial organizations, being vice president of both the Central Banking Trust Company, and of the Central Savings and Loan Company, each of which he assisted in forming.

Mr. Colleran has been associated with the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce since its inception, and during the years of 1917 and 1918 served as president of the Retail Merchants' Board, which is affiliated with it. He was identified with the Boy Scout movement from the start, serving, in 1916 and 1917, as its first vice president. He is a director of the Riverfront Realty Company, which is confining its efforts to the development of a sub-division of Warren, Ohio, and was one of the original stockholders of the Columbia Land Company, which erected the Columbia Land Building, and is one of the directors.

Mr. Colleran married, in 1907, Miss Lillian Sheehan, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (O'Brien) Sheehan, of Youngstown, her father being a retired retail grocer. Mr. and Mrs. Colleran have four children, namely: Catherine Louise, born in 1908; James P., Jr., born in 1911; Marie, born in 1913; and Lillian Josephine, born in 1916. Politically Mr. Colleran is a democrat. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, being a charter member, and for two terms served as Grand Knight, by virtue of that office having been a delegate to the state convention of that organization; and to Youngstown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Socially he is a member of the Poland Country Club.

John Frech. Without any doubt the most essential line of business in any community during this period of reconstruction is that connected with the handling of foodstuffs, and one of the men so engaged is John Frech of Lowellville, grocer and meat dealer. He was born at Würtemberg, Germany, on December 12, 1869, a son of John and Mary (Geiger) Frech, small farmers. His mother's death when he was fifteen years old and the fact that he faced the compulsory military service caused him to immigrate to the United States. He landed at New York City with but $4.75 in his pocket, but he was fortunate in attracting the attention and securing the sympathy of a Lutheran clergyman who procured passage for him as far as Youngstown, Ohio. After his arrival in that city he obtained employment with C. H. Andrews, a farmer in the vicinity, with whom he remained for over a year, forming friendships with members of the family which still continue. He then learned the butchering trade in the shop of William Bohm of Cleveland, Ohio, receiving his board and lodging and $15 a month. During the week he was in the shop, but on Saturday tended the stall of his employer in the old market on Ontario Street. In two years he came to Lowellville and entered the shop of Frank Leish, with whom he remained for seven years, and then bought the business. Since then he has built up a fine trade, and richly deserves the success to which he has attained. Mr. Frech owned a slaughter house at Poland from which he secures most of his meat, but recently sold it to George Steinbach, a brother-in-law. In addition to his meats he carries a line of staple groceries and takes a pride in having his goods and shop neat and attractive. His business has so expanded that he requires the assistance of several clerks. He erected the frame building he new occupies. He is also first vice president of the Lowellville Savings Bank, which he assisted in incorporating, and is vice president of the Struthers Furniture & Undertaking Company. He has held all of the village offices and has been a member of the City Council for two terms. The Lowellville Chamber of Commerce has in him a very active worker, in fact he is one of the most enthusiastic boosters of the place and no man has more friends throughout this section than he.

In 1895 Mr. Frech was married to Ida Baker, a daughter of Lawrence Baker, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Annie, who is Mrs. Arthur Shafer, of Lowellville; John Lawrence, who is chief clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Lowellville; and Oliver, who is deceased. After the death of his first wife Mr. Frech was married to Mrs. Agnes Kay, of Warren, Ohio. There are no children by this second marriage.

While Mr. Frech has amassed a handsome fortune, his prosperity has come to him through his own, unaided efforts, and he contends that any other man could accomplish just as much if he were willing to work and save and use good judgment in making investments. He has lent a helping hand in the inauguration of a number of public improvements, and bought stock in many enterprises so as to get them started in this region. His sympathies are deep, his heart big and his pride in the Mahoning Valley unbounded, and he is recognized as one of the most representative of its best citizens.

Mr. Frech in September, 1920, went on a visit to his mother who is eighty-two years of age, and is residing in Würtemberg, Germany. He spent several months abroad, visiting among other places Switzerland, France, Belgium and the Holy Land. It was his first visit in thirty-three years to the old country. Mr. Frech is a republican and has taken an active part in political matters. He is a member of Western Star Lodge No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons and he is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Christian Schwarz. Coming from a foreign land to this country as a "stowaway" when a lad of fourteen years, Christian Schwarz began life for himself in a strange land, friendless and almost actually penniless, his sole capital on landing at Hoboken, New Jersey, having been one penny. Though poor in pocket, he was rich in energy and courage, and through industry and perseverance succeeded in finding plenty of work, each year finding him a little nearer the top of the ladder of attainments, his success being entirely due to his own energetic efforts, and placing him in a prominent position among the self-made men of our times. He was born, April 5, 1866, in Wurtemberg, a son of Martin and Mar-

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garet (Schwolz) Schwarz, who were brought by their son Christian, in 1894, to the United States, where the death of the father occurred in 1916, while the mother died in 1902.

Brought up in his native land through childhood, Christian Schwarz was graduated from the local high school when but twelve years old. The following year, according to the laws of the country, it would be necessary for him to join the cadets. A military life being very distasteful to him, he had no other recourse than to hide as a stowaway on some vessel bound for America. Boarding the good ship "Rhine" on December 29, 1879, he was twenty-nine days on the ocean before landing in Hoboken, an entire stranger in a strange land, with neither kith nor kin, and with but one penny to his name. After a week of discouragement and hardship, Christian found a position as office boy with the New York Staats Zeitung, and held it for five months. Lured by better wages, he then entered the employ of the Cushman Company, New York bakers, receiving $3.00 a week and his board. Going to Savannah, Georgia, in 1883, he worked for several months in the McMaggy Cracker Manufacturing Company, becoming quite familiar with the baking business.

Locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1885, Mr. Schwarz secured employment with the S. S. Marvin Company, which has since been absorbed by the National Biscuit Company, being made foreman of the cake department. Remaining with that company six months, he was afterward similarly employed by the firm of Nesbit & Company, bakers, and while a resident of that city joined the National Guard, Eighteenth Regiment, and as one of its members did guard duty at the Johnstown Flood. He subsequently traveled throughout the West for a while, and when ready to settle permanently located, in 1890, in Youngstown, where he embarked in the milk business, which was brought to an end by the panic of 1893.

From that time until 1900 Mr. Schwarz was in the employ of C. Weick, a retail baker on Federal Street. In 1901 he again crossed the Atlantic, visiting relatives and friends in Germany, and on returning to Youngstown became a shipping clerk in the Union Mills. In 1906 he entered the employ of Charles Bixler, a well known baker, and in 1914 he, with Mr. Kaulback, organized the Bixler Baking Company, of which he has since been the vice president. This firm is now one of the leading ones of the kind in the city, doing business throughout the county, employing forty men and twelve trucks in the filling out of orders.

Mr. Schwarz married, November 2, 1893, Annie Tolman, daughter of John and Margaret Tolman, natives of Germany, and they have one child, Margaret, who was graduated from Oberlin College with the class of 1919, and is now teaching in Youngstown. Fraternally Mr. Schwarz is a member of Western Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Youngstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and of Lodge No. 55, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Religiously he is a member of the First Reformed Church, and was one of the Finance Committee for the proposed new church edifice.

Edward D. Kaulback. Active and influential in the industrial affairs of Youngstown, Edward D. Kaulback, president of the Bixler Baking Company, occupies an assured position among the more successful manufacturers and merchants of this section of the Mahoning Valley, and as a true-hearted, public-spirited citizen, his aid is always sought in behalf of undertakings for the public good and the advancement of the city's best interests. A son of the late Maj. George C. Kaulback, he was born in New York State, November 27, 1883, coming on both sides of the house of Scotch ancestry.

Maj. George C. Kaulback was born in the vicinity of Boston, Massachusetts, as was his wife, whose maiden name was Elvira Ann Goddard. During the Civil war he served as an officer in the army, being retired as a captain, and later, for meritorious service, being breveted major by Abraham Lincoln. Subsequently locating at Sandy Creek, New York, the major owned and managed a tannery there until 1886, when he moved with his family to Detroit, Michigan. Returning East, he lived for a time in New Jersey, but afterwards settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained a resident until his death, in 1909, at the venerable age of seventy-nine years. His widow still resides in Pittsburgh.

Educated in the public schools of Newark, New Jersey, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Edward D. Kaulback began life as a wage earner in 1898, becoming messenger boy for the Bradstreet Company. From 1899 until 1902 he was employed as clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Pittsburgh, and during the ensuing five years was price clerk for the Crucible Steel Company of that city. Making a decided change of occupation in 1907, Mr. Kaulback was traveling salesman for the National Biscuit Company until the latter part of 1912, during the last year selling the company's products in the larger cities of the Pacific coast. Returning to Pittsburgh, he was assistant sales manager for the Cruikshank Company, wholesale dealers of preserves and pickles.

Coming to Youngstown in November, 1913, Mr. Kaulback, in December of that year, met Mr. Charles Bixler and they, taking over the business of the firm of Bixler & Company, incorporated the Bixler Baking Company, Mr. Bixler being made president, and Mr. Kaulback secretary and treasurer. After the death of Mr. Bixler in 1914 Mr. Kaulback succeeded to the presidency, while Christian Schwarz was made vice president, and R. B. Seemann, secretary and treasurer. This company is carrying on an extensive business, and is actively identified by membership with the National Association of Master Bakers.

Mr. Kaulback is a member of the Rotary Club; the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce; and the Credit Men's Association. During the World war he served on the War Chest Council of 100, and belonged to the American Protective League, and likewise to the Ohio Bakers' Service Board, which was a branch of the State Council of Defense.

Roy B. Seemann. It was in 1913 that Roy B. Seemann came to Youngstown and joined the organization of the Bixler Baking Company, becoming secretary-treasurer of a company so prominently

identified with the business interests of the community.

Mr. Seemann is a son of John and Louisa Anna (Pershing) Seemann, and was born July 10, 1886, at Stauffer Station, Pa. Through his mother he is related to Gen. John J. Pershing. The parents now live in Pittsburgh, where the father is sales manager for the National Biscuit Company.

In 1901, Roy B. Seemann graduated from high school in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and in 1902 he entered the employ of the Henry C. Biddle Company of Philadelphia, having charge of the floor salesmen, remaining with the company until 1905 when he went to Pittsburgh, joining the James M. McNally company as a floor manager. In 1907 Mr. Seemann joined the National Biscuit Company as receiving clerk under A. G. Bixler, and four years later he was made assistant superintendent of the plant, his business changes always coming as distinct promotions.

Mr. Seemann is a third degree Mason and a member of Western Star Lodge. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In September, 1911, he married Bessie Crook. She is a daughter of Silas and Bertha Crook of Pittsburgh. Their two children are: Alice and William.

Chuey Brothers is the name of a general merchandise partnership, operating flourishing stores in Youngstown, Struthers and Lowellville. The members of the firm are four brothers, Stephen J., John E., Michael B. and Andrew Chuey, and the fifth partner is a sister, Mary Chuey.

Ten years ago their enterprise would hardly have attracted attention among the many larger and more prominent business houses of the Mahoning Valley. They started in 1909 with a retail meat and grocery store on the north side of Struthers. The establishment prospered, but the ambition and enterprise of the owners soon looked to broader lines of business. In 1912 they established a grocery and meat market on Center Street in Youngstown. Later in the same year they opened a general merchandise store on the south side of Struthers, and in the meantime changed the character of the north side store to one of general merchandise. In 1915 they opened another general store at Lowellville. The business at Youngstown is still specialized in groceries and meat.

The original capital of this firm was $3700. The present assets would aggregate in excess of $150,000, and the annual volume of sales is more than twenty times as large as the first year, exceeding $500,000 annually. The firm owned their original store property at Struthers, but have been satisfied to rent buildings elsewhere. The south side Struthers store occupies a double building, and the stock is thoroughly complete and adequate for all the needs of the surrounding population.

This is an interesting instance of the success that comes from family unity and cooperation. The parents of the Chuey Brothers were Stephen and Julia Chuey, natives of Hungary, who came to the United States soon after their marriage and established their home at Haselton, now a suburb of Youngstown. The father was a furnace worker in the Andrews Brothers Furnace, and in 1912 lost his life when struck by a switch engine when returning home from work. His widow now lives at Struthers. Her children Andy and Mary make their home with her.

Stephen Chuey, who lives at Poland, was born January 14, 1885, at Hazelton. He received his education in the public schools and worked in the company store at Hazelton. He also worked two years in a mill, and then assisted in the organization of the Chuey Brothers partnership. He married Mary Condrick, and their children are John, Frank and Steve. John Chuey married Catherine Condrick, a sister of his brother's wife, and they live at Youngstown.

Michael B. Chuey was born September 22, 1890, at Hazelton, now a suburb of Youngstown. He attended public school and engaged in the grocery business for five years, then buying an interest in the business. Two years later the brothers got together and opened a new place in Struthers. In one year they were burned out, and then they bought out his former partner. Their next place was Hazelton, and then Struthers.

Mr. Chuey is a director of the Chamber of Commerce at Struthers and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks No. 55 at Youngstown. He was married December, 1910, in Youngstown, to Mary Pidick, of Struthers. Their children are Paul, Mary and Dolores. Mrs. Chuey is a daughter of Stephen Pidick, of Struthers. Miss Mary Chuey is the treasurer of the concern.

Samuel Draa Drake. The growth and development of any community is largely dependent upon the exertions of those men who devote themselves to the exploitation of real estate. Without their energy, vim and progressive ideas no locality will move out of the conventional rut; outside money will not be attracted to it, and property will show but little increase. With the advent of an enterprising, experienced man, well able to solve the problems of the real estate business, comes a growth that is remarkable. Many years have passed since the initial work in this line has been done in the older portions of Youngstown, but the needs of this metropolis of the Mahoning Valley have made necessary a constant expansion of the outlying territory, while a maintenance of property already built is extremely important. So it is that the work of the realty operator is counted as being among the important factors in the life of this city. One of the men whose name is associated with developments along this line is Samuel Draa Drake. He was born at Niles, Ohio, August 8, 1883, a son of James Draa and Mary Jane (Lewis) Drake.

The Drake family is traced back to 1365 when a representative of it located at Lavistock, England. Another member of the family, centuries later, left England in 1767 for the American Colonies, and one of his descendants, Edward Drake, came to Ohio and homesteaded on the present site of Chillicothe. John Draa Drake, a grandfather of Samuel Draa Drake, made the cradle used during the infancy of the late President McKinley.

James Draa Drake was a machinist by trade, and installed the sheet mills, the Jonathan Warner mill, and rebuilt the latter in 1892. His death occurred at

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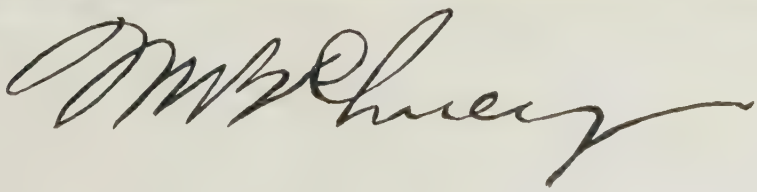

Youngstown. He and his wife had eleven children, eight of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, Mrs. Elsie Beach, Mrs. Olive McGinley, Bertha, James L., Mrs. Maud Dickey, Samuel D., and Vera.

Samuel D. Drake lived at Niles, Ohio, where he received his schooling, until 1901, and then came with the family to Youngstown, and worked in the sheet mills and the mill of Jonathan Warner, but not liking this class of work, he left it at the end of two years, and then secured an office position with the General Fireproofing Company, which he held for six years, leaving it in 1912 to embark in the real estate business in which he has since continued, achieving success. He is a member of the real estate board, and is serving on several of its committees, and the Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is an Elk. He is developing the Sauzenbacher farm east of Canfield, subdividing it and inaugurating improvements. This when completed will make a very valuable addition to Youngstown.

On October 30, 1910, Mr. Drake was united in marriage with Maud Aurand, a daughter of Fred and Josephine (Lewis) Aurand. For some years Mr. Drake has been a member of Saint John's Episcopal Church of Youngstown. Alert, enterprising and efficient, Mr. Drake is numbered among the men who are accomplishing results, and he deserves the prosperity which has attended him.

Lamont N. Gilder, treasurer of the Fisher-Gilder Cartage & Storage Company, and general manager of the storage end of the business, is one of the successful business men of Youngstown, and with his partner a pioneer in the storage and warehouse business in the Mahoning Valley. He was born at Warren, Ohio, where he still maintains his residence, on February 28, 1885, a son of Frank B. and Minnie R. (Hart) Gilder. Frank B. Gilder is connected with the Gilder-Augstadt Coal & Supply Company and is president of the Fisher-Gilder Cartage & Storage Company.

After attending the common schools of Warren, Mr. Gilder took a four-year literary course at Kenyon College, and then entered upon a business career at Youngstown as secretary and treasurer of the E. Fisher & Son Company, the forerunner of the present Fisher-Gilder Cartage & Storage Company, which was reorganized in 1913 as the Fisher-Gilder Cartage Company. In the meanwhile, in 1912, Mr. Gilder had organized the Fisher Fireproof Storage Company of which he was treasurer, and in 1914 he was made its general manager. In 1918 the two companies were merged into the Fisher-Gilder Cartage & Storage Company, with Mr. Gilder as treasurer and manager of the storage department, while Mr. Fisher is vice president and manager of the cartage department. The business was founded by Emanuel Fisher, father of the present Mr. Fisher, as a drayage concern and gradually developed through successive stages to its present large proportions. Emanuel Fisher was the president of the Fisher-Gilder Cartage Company and the first vice president of the Fisher Fireproof Storage Company. He died in 1917. Mr. Gilder is interested in other organizations, notably the Gilder-Augstadt Coal & Supply Company, of which he is a director and vice president. He belongs to Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Warren, and he also belongs to Warren Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

In 1911 Mr. Gilder was united in marriage with Edith A. Ward, a daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Clarence S. Ward of Warren. Mrs. Gilder was graduated from Wellesley College in 1908 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, from the general literary course. She belongs to the Episcopal Church, and is active in its various societies. Mr. Gilder's time is fully occupied by his business responsibilities, which the increasing demands of his patrons are multiplying, so that he has but little time or inclination for social relaxation. Both he and Mr. Fisher are expert men in their several lines, and fully qualified to carry out the wishes of their customers in an efficient and thoroughly modern manner, and their equipment, including solid, fireproof warehouses, is a decided asset to Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

Charles E. Gallagher. The record of Youngstown business men demonstrates that none of them who have risen to enviable positions have been thus successful unless they possessed more than average ability, and applied to their work a conscientious thoroughness which in the end justified the trouble and time expended. Competition is greater today than it was in the earlier days of the history of the city and state, but then much of the way had yet to be blazed; people had to be awakened to the need for necessities they were then prone to consider easily foregone luxuries, so that the work of the business men who laid the foundations of Youngstown's prestige was extremely heavy. There were plenty of them found in the earlier days who were equal to any emergency, and fortunately for the welfare of the interests they safeguard, some of them are still in command, one of them being Charles E. Gallagher who for twenty-six years has been connected with the Eastern Ohio Gas Company, also is now actively interested in the oil producing field where he is doing some drilling.

Charles E. Gallagher was born at Salamanca, New York, on May 15, 1876, a son of Charles E. and Catherine (Lenning) Gallagher, born in Little Valley, New York, and Ireland, respectively, the latter coming to the United States in childhood. Both passed away at Salamanca, New York. They left three children, as follows: Charles E., who was the eldest; Ralph W., president of the Hercules Motor Company at Canton, Ohio; and Francis E., who is assistant to the president, John A. Manning of the Manning Paper Company, lives at Troy, New York.

After completing the high school course at Salamanca, Charles E. Gallagher took charge of his father's office at Salamanca, owner of general merchandising store, and general contractor, and engaged in lumbering and saw mill business. After a year in his father's office he entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company and held various positions with it at Parkersburg, West Virginia, Brad-

ford, Oil City and Edinburg, Pennsylvania, and Uhrichsville and Akron, Ohio, leaving it for the Eastern Ohio Gas Company, where he held an initial position as bookkeeper and telegrapher and at the present time is general superintendent of all cities and towns outside of Cleveland. He is also a director of the Youngstown City Savings & Trust Company and the Morris Plan Bank. Mr. Gallagher came to Youngstown in 1909 as manager of the Youngstown branch of his company from Canton, Ohio, where he had spent two years as head of the Canton branch, and since then has become thoroughly identified with the city, belonging to the Real Estate Board, Credit Men's Association and Chamber of Commerce, and taking an active and effective part in the projects of all of these organizations.

On June 22, 1899, Mr. Gallagher was united in marriage with Miss Alice Virginia Forker, a daughter of J. B. and Rebecca Jane (Reed) Forker of Edinburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Gallagher was graduated from the Clarion Normal School, and is a highly educated and cultivated lady. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher have two children, namely: Doclie, who was born on June 28, 1902, is a graduate of the Rayen High School, and is now attending Wellesley College; and Eugenia, who was born on August 31, 1904, is attending the Rayen High School. Mr. Gallagher is an appreciated member of the Youngstown Club. Both he and his wife have a wide circle of acquaintances and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. As a representative of his company Mr. Gallagher sustains the dignity of his office and the fact that he has remained with this one concern for more than a quarter of a century is sufficient proof that he is regarded as one of the most efficient and valuable men in the organization. As a citizen Mr. Gallagher has displayed praiseworthy civic interest in the expansion of Youngstown, and can always be counted upon to bear his part of the burden of promoting worthy measures looking toward further progress.

Daniel A. Davidson is one of the reliable men of Struthers, who is conducting an undertaking business in such an efficient manner as to give satisfaction to those in need of his skilled services. He was born at Lowellville, June 8, 1869, a son of James and Lavina (Nessle) Davidson, he born at Westfield, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. By trade he was a shoemaker, and worked as such at Lowellville during the period covered by the war between the states. While he did not seek any public office, he was strict in his adherence to the principles of the republican party. The Presbyterian Church had in him an earnest member, and he served the local congregation as deacon and elder. In addition to the property he owned at Lowellville, James Davidson owned a farm in Pennsylvania and one in Ohio and was a man of considerable means. His death occurred about 1900, when he was seventy-one years old. His widow passed away at the age of seventy-two years, about twelve years ago. Their children were as follows: Margaret, who married Lon Lowry, who is living retired at Youngstown, Ohio; Thomas, who was a coal dealer of Lowellville, died when thirty years of age; Mary, who is the widow of John G. Erskine, a merchant of Lowellville, lives at Parkers Lake, Kentucky; and Daniel A., whose name heads this review.

Daniel A. Davidson was reared at Lowellville and attended the schools of that city and Youngstown, and the Ellington, New York, Academy, and then in 1888 formed a partnership with J. C. Cunningham and operated a furniture and undertaking business at Lowellville for seven years, in the meanwhile securing diplomas from several undertaking and embalming schools. In 1904 Mr. Davidson came to Struthers and opened his present undertaking establishment, he being the only man of his profession at Struthers. His equipment is very modern, including an auto hearse, and his services are in request at Lowellville, Hillsville and other adjacent points. Like his father, he takes little interest in public life. While he is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias, he does not take an active part in fraternal matters. In fact his attention is centered upon his profession and he keeps on studying and attending conventions so as to be abreast of modern development in undertaking. He does not confine his services to those of wealth, but renders an appropriate and sympathetic service to those of small means, taking a pride in carrying out all his work in a dignified manner. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has reached the commandery degree. He is also a member of Summerset, Kentucky, Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

When he was twenty-two years of age Mr. Davidson was married to Tressa M. Book, of Lowellville, a daughter of M. H. Book, former proprietor of the Lowellville Hotel and a veteran of the Union army. After the death of the first Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Davidson was married to Mrs. Minnie E. (Book) Becker, his sister-in-law, who had two children, namely: Rachel Becker, who was educated in the Struthers High School and the Kent, Ohio, Normal School, is now teaching in the Struthers schools; and Hazen Becker, who married Florence Kashner, has no children. He spent two years at a base hospital in France during the late war, and has just returned and is in the business with his stepfather.

James Bruce Fithian. One of the prominent wholesalers of Youngstown, who has developed some very important interests centering in this city, is James Bruce Fithian, president of the Hearn-Fithian Company. He was born at Youngstown on March 14, 1868, a son of Charles L. and Mary J. (Powers) Fithian, and grandson of Isaac Powers, who homesteaded all of the land now occupied by Louisville, Kentucky. Charles L. Fithian served as a soldier during the War between the States, and followed farming when he did not work in one or other of the mills at Youngstown.

James Bruce Fithian was brought up in a healthful way, alternating attendance at school with work on his father's farm, and he had the advantage of a two years' course in college. He then learned telegraphy and from 1888 until 1892 he was engaged in railroad work as an operator. Mr. Fithian had formed a partnership with John Orr at Par-

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nassus, Pennsylvania, under the name of John Orr & Company,. Mr. Fithian at that time being only twenty years of age. Subsequently Mr. Orr bought Mr. Fithian's interest, and he returned to telegraphy and for a year was night yardmaster at the Ohio Steel Plant. He then embarked in a retail grocery business as J. B. Fithian, which he later sold and then went into the wholesale grocery business with Decker R. Fithian, whose interest he subsequently acquired, and remained alone for two and one-half years. At the expiration of that period Mr. Fithian merged his business with that owned by John G. Thomas, the business for a year being conducted under the name of the Thomas, Hearn, Fithian Company, but is now the Hearn-Fithian Company, of which Mr. Fithian has been president for some time. Employment is given to sixty-five people at Youngstown, and twelve traveling men represent the house on the road, the territory including New England and Ohio.

Mr. Fithian is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge of that order, and he also belongs to the Eastern Star. Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Youngstown has him for a member and he is also on its official board.

In 1896 Mr. Fithian was united in marriage with Miss Grace Canfield, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Meenely) Canfield, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fithian have two children, namely, Elizabeth, who was born in 1900; and Grace, who was born in 1905.

Mr. Fithian favors the republican ticket, and served as a member of the city council for one term from the First Ward, during that period securing for Youngstown the system of universal transfers on the street railway. Always a strong prohibitionist, Mr. Fithian has given a good deal of his time and attention to fighting the liquor interests, and succeeded in having elected men to official position whose stand on this important question was definite and in favor of prohibition. Because of this, the county went dry some time prior to the edict of wartime prohibition. Upon several occasions he has been strongly urged by the representative men of the city to permit the use of his name for the mayoralty race, but refused as he feels that he can accomplish more for his community as a private citizen than if he burdened himself with the duties of public office. Conscientious in a marked degree, he has earnestly sought to exert his influence in behalf of civic betterment and moral uplift and the results speak for themselves. Because of the broad vision, unselfish efforts and true Christianity of such men as Mr. Fithian, the prohibition amendment was passed and ratified. When he and his associates began their concerted action against the liquor interests, many who disapproved of saloons on geneneral principles but lacked the courage to come out openly against them, classed the movement as utterly utopian. Now these same persons are glad to be included in the ranks of the so-called reformers. If Mr. Fithian had accomplished nothing more than his triumph over the liquor element, he could feel that his life has been of great value to his community, but in addition to this side of his character, he is a useful citizen, excellent business man and tried and true friend, and it is doubtful if Youngstown possesses anyone more representative of its best interests than this upright, capable, Christian gentleman.

Samuel Wilkoff. Several of the largest and most distinctive establishments in Youngstown recognize Samuel Wilkoff as one of their creators and a guiding genius in their affairs. The story of his personal career is an inspiring one, though it can be told only in meager outline.

He was born in Russian Poland, April 1, 1863, a son of Julius and Zippora Wilkoffsky, both parents now deceased. A youth of nineteen, inspired by that urge of democracy which is a part of the national character of his people, he came alone to the United States in the late '70s. It was his intention to discover and join a relative but he lost the address, and having only two cents to his name he found as a matter of necessity an opportunity to prove his enterprise and ability to make himself a factor in the new world to which he was a complete stranger. He managed to secure on credit a basket of tinware, which he peddled and kept up this humble role of peddling merchant three months. At the end of that time he discovered the address of his brother in Pittsburgh, and joined him there, but having been successful in his first line he continued as a peddler at Pittsburgh and in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He lived at Beaver Falls a number of years. The first important stage in his business success was when he was able to afford a horse and wagon with which to carry his goods about the country. In 1888 Mr. Wilkoff used some of his capital to establish a junk business in Akron, Ohio, where he had as partners his brother William and also Charles Wasbotzky, and L. Wilkoffsky, his brother-in-law. In the latter part of that year the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Wilkoff and his brother William continued the business together for thirteen years, the firm being known as Wilkoffsky Brothers of Akron. Before engaging in business in Akron, Mr. Wilkoff went to Kansas. Then from Kansas went to Akron to engage in business.

In 1901 Mr. Wilkoff removed to Youngstown and opened a branch office of his business in the old McKelvey Building. Later his plant was established where the Baltimore & Ohio Railway station is now located. When the station was erected he removed to below Baldwin Flour Mills at Oak Hill. The business was incorporated in 1901 as the Wilkoff Brothers Company. Mr. Samuel Wilkoff sold his interest in that business and established the Wilkoff Iron & Steel Company, which later was consolidated with the Wilkoff Brothers Company and since then the title has been the Wilkoff Company.

In less than twenty years Mr. Wilkoff has achieved a place of the greatest influence in the business and industrial affairs of Youngstown. Vice president of the Wilkoff Company, vice president of the Mill Creek Land Company, and was president of the Glenwood Realty Company until the property which he developed was sold. He still owns considerable real estate. He owned the ground and was instru-

mental in bringing the Concrete Steel Company of New York to locate in Youngstown, and erected the buildings necessary to house the plant. He also has some farm land in and around McDonald.

Mr. Wilkoff for all his success has never lost his democratic spirit. He is charitable to a fault and is now as always deeply interested in the welfare of those associated with him in his various enterprises.

Mr. Wilkoff has been happily married a number of years and is father of four children. His oldest son Isaac Wilkoff married Anna Wolfe of Beaver Falls and has a daughter, Betty Frances. Isaac is secretary and assistant treasurer of the Wilkoff Company, is president of the Wilkoff Realty Company, president of the Mill Creek Land Company, director of the Market Realty Company, president of the Youngstown Specialty Company, treasurer of the Willand Petroleum Company, and has had much to do with the re-organization of all these local industries.

The second son is Joseph, general superintendent of the Youngstown plant and a director of the Wilkoff Company. The third son is Leo S., a successful Youngstown lawyer, former assistant prosecuting attorney of the county and secretary and general counsel for the Mill Creek Land Company. The youngest of the family, Annetta, is the wife of Philip Brown of Cleveland, secretary of the Wilkoff Company.

Samuel O. Ewing, whose home was at Boardman Center, was a former sheriff of Mahoning County, and a son of the late John Ewing whose life and the record of the family from its establishment in the valley at the beginning of the nineteenth century, are fully described on other pages of this publication. The chief activities of Samuel O. Ewing were directed to farming and stock breeding and he was well known as a developer of farms in the valley. His death occurred December 15, 1919.

Mr. Ewing was born October 1, 1851, at North Jackson on the farm where the Ewings first settled a hundred years ago. He grew up on that homestead, had a high school education, but his college career was interrupted. He began life as a teacher, and for two years was principal of the Lowellville schools. After that he took up the work of a traveling salesman, representing the Johnson Harvesting Company in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

While a resident of Canfield, his friends induced him to enter politics as a candidate, and he was elected sheriff in 1889 and re-elected 1891, leading his ticket each time. He performed with general satisfaction the routine duties of his office at a time when the valley was suffering from a general financial and industrial depression. After leaving office he took up the real-estate business, not so much as a broker, but as a buyer, improver and seller of farms. Many tracts of land that had become run down and unprofitable he rehabilitated and made into paying propositions. One of these is now occupied by the Canfield Experiment Station. He thus operated sevral farms to a successful issue.

Through all these years Mr. Ewing was a breeder of high grade horses, cattle and sheep. His Percheron horses were exhibited at many fairs and his stock won many honors. He exhibited the prize winning Belgian horse at the State Fair in 1919 and that horse is now at the head of the stud of the Kansas Agricultural College. The Ewing colts have become widely known and sought at fancy prices, and his efforts have brought a great improvement in local stock throughout Ohio and elsewhere. Mr. Ewing had his home in Boardman Center for the past twenty years and improved and developed a fine property of 246 acres there, making it complete as a desirable country home with barns and other equipment. He built the house in which he lived and all its surrounding set of buildings.

Mr. Ewing kept up his interest in the party, serving in committees and conventions. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Youngstown. He was an Elk and member of the Knights of Pythias. In 1886 he married Miss Emma Fox of Hillsville, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, who survives him. Their son Frank C. was born January 19, 1888. He has had rather a wide experience for a young man, but at the time of his father's death, he took up the latter's business affairs and has since been carrying them through successfully. He is a Mason and on September 1, 1911, he married Miss Ruth Mann of St. Louis, a daughter of J. A. Mann, a merchant of that city. They have two sons, Samuel and Arthur.

The late Mr. Ewing was a man of very many friends, and one of the most popular men in the district. His pleasure in his friendships far exceeded any pleasure he ever got from material things, though he was an able executive and a man of wide experience. He was always hailed with enthusiasm whenever he appeared and was surrounded by most prominent men of the community, but was very unassuming. He was a Republican in politics but very democratic in his actions.

Sidney R. Creps, an able and influential business man of Youngstown now serving as director of city schools, has been identified with various interests during his active career and as a citizen of worth and ability has contributed his full share toward promoting the welfare of the community in which he resides. Mr. Creps is a native of Mahoning County, was born in Austintown, June 27, 1879, from a lineage that traces back on the paternal side to the sturdy German stock which settled in Pennsylvania during pioneer days. His father, Eli Creps, however, was born near North Lima in 1851 and was actively identified with public affairs, prominent in the republican ranks, he served for a number of years as justice of the peace, and at the time of his death when but thirty-four years of age was establishing himself in the furniture and undertaking business.

Mary Russell, the mother of Sidney Russell Creps, was of Scotch descent, her grandfather having come from Scotland to Mahoning County while the country was yet a forest, and formed the nucleus for the Russell settlement a few miles southwest of Austintown; his log cabin was the first dwelling in this section.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Creps, two

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children were born, Sidney R. and Vinnie P., wife of S. J. Brooks, one of the leading merchants of Warren, Ohio.

In the case of Sidney R. Creps we have another proof that hardships are, after all, the stuff out of which character is made. Before he was six years old his father died, and thrown on his own resources so early in life we find him dreaming dreams of a business career. As a boy he established a paper route in Austintown and West Austintown and for five years walked more than three miles a day selling papers. As he grew older the needs for school books and clothes made additional demands. To meet these Sidney did odd jobs on the farm and such other work as an industrious boy could find to do in the rural districts. Late in his teens, when fitted by education and experience, he was employed by Kaley and McDonald in their general merchandise business conducted in the old brick store at Austintown where John H. Fitch made the start in his business career. Mr. Creps substituted for Mr. McDonald in this partnership.

During his busy life Mr. Creps, because of a natural craving for education, laid a good foundation for his future work; he took a course in Hall's Business College and under the wise tutelage of G. O. Neff, an able educator, gained an ideal and inspiration that has been a controlling force in his life.

In 1898 Mr. Creps passed the teachers' examination and taught school for two years at Four-Mile-Run. At the end of two years, however, he gave up school work and accepted a position with The John H. Fitch Company, later he was employed in the electrical department of the Carnegie Steel Company. Then the old longing to do school work again seized him with such force that he went back to the school room for much less than half the salary received in the mill. After six years more in school work the conflict between love of work and the financial needs resulted in a decision to enter business. Accordingly he entered the real estate and insurance business with L. S. Crum. Always a student, Mr. Creps soon became familiar with the business, and at the death of Mr. Crum, in 1910, took up this business by himself. In 1915 Mr. Creps became identified with the Youngstown schools as clerk and treasurer. When the director of schools, Mr. Ashbaugh, was taken ill, Mr. Creps was made his assistant and on the death of Mr. Ashbaugh was made his successor as director. A man of sterling worth and ability Mr. Creps has handled affairs of his position with credit to himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned.

On July 12, 1902, Miss Lillian. May Shifferstine, daughter of Andrew Shifferstine of West Austintown, became the wife of Mr. Creps. She passed to the life beyond in 1910, leaving two children, Violet Vinnette and Robert William. Since the death of his wife, Mr. Creps' mother, Mrs. Mary Creps, has presided over his household, making a pleasant home for his motherless children.

Mr. Creps is a member of Hillman Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Youngstown, and of Hebron Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having served this lodge as trustee, and as financial secretary. He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and of the Youngstown Automobile Club.

DANIEL A. HEINDEL. An exceedingly prosperous and popular business man of Youngstown, Daniel A. Heindel is one of the leading automobile dealers of this section of Mahoning County, his annual sales of the Dort and Apperson cars yielding him a good income. He was born in 1889 in North Lima, Ohio, on the farm of his father, Joshua Heindel.

A native of Pennsylvania, Joshua Heindel was born in York County, and as a young man worked in a coal mine which he owned in Morgantown. Embarking in agricultural pursuits, he bought a farm in North Lima, Ohio, and in addition to raising the crops common to that part of the country made a specialty of growing garden truck, continuing thus employed until his death, in 1897, at the age of sixty-one years. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Emeline Coler, seven sons and three daughters were born, as follows: George and Clarence, living on the old home farm; Clark, farming in North Lima; Norman and Emanuel of Youngstown, are carrying on a substantial meat business, their market being on Market Street; Orville, a well-known physician of New Castle, Pennsylvania; Daniel A., the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of George Ford, a successful farmer of New Springfield, Ohio; Dorothy, wife of David Whitmore, who is also engaged in farming at New Springfield; Samantha, who married Spang Bricker, died in York County, Pennsylvania.

Although a little fellow of eight years when his father died, Daniel A. Heindel looked after the home farm during the ensuing six years, after which he continued his studies at the North Lima High School. In 1907 he entered the employ of Swift & Company in Youngstown, and subsequently embarked in the real estate business, representing a New York firm in Lancaster and New Castle, Pennsylvania, and in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1913, with perfect confidence in his abilities, Mr. Heindel, with merely sufficient sum to buy a car for himself, established an automobile business at 1418 Market Street, Youngstown, his garage having been 40 by 50 feet. As his trade increased, more room being imperative, he made additions from time to time, the building now occupying a space of 50 by 150 feet. Mr. Heindel is now planning to erect, at an expense of $90,000, a garage at the corner of Evergreen Avenue and Market Street, which will be 90 by 200 feet, finished in marble, and completely equipped in every respect. During the six years that Mr. Heindel has been identified with the automobile trade he has learned the business inside and out, and in working over the cars has become an expert machinist, and perfectly familiar with every part of a machine.

Mr. Heindel married, in 1913, Helen, daughter of J. C. Schreck, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one son, Daniel A. Heindel, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Heindel are members of Saint Paul's Reformed Church. Politically Mr. Heindel is independent, casting his vote for the best man regardless of the party he represents.

WILLIAM WILKOFF. While his friends and associates at Youngstown declare William Wilkoff to be one of the ablest men of the city, one of the chief elements in his career, enabling him to rise from obscurity and poverty to a controlling influence in the great industrial affairs of Eastern Ohio, has been a remarkable tenacity of purpose which has held him true to his course in spite of all privations, obstacles and handicaps.

He was born in Poland, September 14, 1865, a Russian subject. His early environment was that of a small farm. His parents were Julius and Zippora Wilkoff and the family were stoutly orthodox and pious Jews. William Wilkoff used some of the means of his early business success to bring his parents to this country and both of them died at Youngstown.

In 1882, at the age of seventeen, he left his native country and came to America. His first work was as a section hand on railroad construction from Pittsburgh to Massillon, Ohio. His wages were $1.50 a day. It was not work to which he was accustomed, yet he held on until he could save a little capital for independent business. His first capital he used to purchase a small stock of merchandise, and became a peddler at Pittsburgh. From a collector of miscellaneous waste material, he became an independent dealer in the junk business, located at Beaver Falls, and by that time had advanced his equipment to a single horse and wagon. In 1888 he joined his brother Samuel in partnership, and they became wholesale junk dealers at Akron. Their business developed so rapidly that it was necessary to find a larger market, and several years later the Wilkoff Brothers moved to Youngstown, establishing their plant on ground leased from the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, where that railroad subsequently built its Youngstown station. In 1904 Wilkoff Brothers Company, incorporated for $100,000, with William as president of the company. In 1915 the business was reorganized on a capital basis of $200,000, and in 1919 it was necessary again to increase the capital stock, this time to $1,000,000. When the Wilkoff Company first bought their present location their intentions were to eliminate the junk and scrap iron department and confine their activities to the building of steel cars. In 1016 the Youngstown Steel Car Company was organized with acapital stock of $250,000, William Wilkoff being president. The capital has since been increased to $1,000,000, and as the outgrowth and result of the enterprise of the Wilkoff Brothers the industry is now one of the largest in the Youngstown district. Recently the corporation acquired a 130 acre tract at Niles, Ohio, and when the works are established in the new plant it is expected that 1,000 men will be employed. The present plant at Youngstown will then be used for scrap iron.

Mr. Wilkoff is one of the original incorporators of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, and is still a stockholder. The various business concerns which he has promoted now do a nation wide and international business, maintaining offices at New York and Pittsburgh. Sam Wilkoff is vice president of both companies, David J. is treasurer and Isaac Wilkoff is secretary.

January 16, 1894, Mr. Wilkoff married Miss Fanny Cohen of Cleveland. They have three sons, Louis C., Ralph M., and Arthur Edward. The son Louis, who married Miss Sadie Klein of Niles, is secretary of the Youngstown Steel Car Company; the son Ralph is a graduate of the Culver Military Academy of Indiana, and is taking a university course. Mr. Wilkoff is a member of the Hebrew Temple of Youngstown, and one of its most generous patrons. He is affiliated with Youngstown Elks, is a Mason, and many times in the last years his name has been identified with movements affecting the good of his home city. He is a tireless worker, and much of his success is due to the remarkable concentration of energy upon the tasks in hand. In fact he has been so busy that he has never been able to hold the post of director in any other company except his own, and for a similar reason has never found time for public office.

JESSE H. LEIGHNINGER. An attorney of unquestioned skill and ability, Jesse H. Leighninger rendered efficient service as first assistant city solicitor, and in the fall of 1919, was elected on the republican ticket to the more responsible position of city solicitor. A son of Marion F. Leighninger, he was born March 11, 1888, in West Lafayette, Coshocton County, Ohio.

Born, reared and educated in Coshocton County, Ohio, Marion F. Leighninger chose farming for his life occupation, and having bought land in Coshocton County improved a good farm, which he has since managed with fair success. His wife, whose maiden name was Florence Hattie Starker, was born in Tuscarawas County, and died on the home farm April 21, 1911, aged forty-three years. Two sons were born of their union, Jesse H. and Issador S. The father is actively identified with the republican party, and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, uniformly supporting all enterprises calculated to benefit the public and advance the best interests of his community.

Receiving his earliest knowledge of books in the schools of West Lafayette, Jesse H. Leighninger was graduated from the high school in 1906, and from West Lafayette College with the class of 1911, completing his studies at the Western Reserve University, when, in 1914, he was there graduated from the law department. An industrious, ambitious lad, with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Mr. Leighninger paid his own way through college and university, earning his money in various ways. As a boy, interested in farm journals, he naturally thought every one else should be, and made a business of securing subscribers to different papers treating on agriculture, and later traveled for the Curtis publications, thus earning money during vacations to pay his next year's expenses in school. He also sold books, taking an agency for different firms, was a crew manager, and while at the Western Reserve University waited upon tables and washed dishes for his board, and taught evenings at the Young Men's Christian Association.

While in college Mr. Leighninger was one summer employed at West Lafayette in the Novelty Works, having charge of the varnishing department, and the

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summer before graduating he sold real estate in Youngstown, being in the employ of the Realty Security Company. Forming a partnership with M. C. McNab, Mr. Leighninger began the practice of law, continuing with him until July, 1915, when he became associated with A. B. Calvin, continuing with him until appointed third assistant city solicitor. After rendering appreciated service in that position for twenty-one months, Mr. Leighninger was made second assistant city solicitor, and at the end of nine months in that capacity he was appointed first assistant city solicitor, his promotions bearing visible evidence of his ability and fidelity in that office. In the primaries of the fall of 1919 he was honored with the nomination for city solicitor, a position for which he was amply qualified not only by education but by training and practical experience.

On September 5, 1914, Mr. Leighninger was united in marriage with Marjorie Lightner, daughter of S. H. and Jennie H. Lightner. Her father was a professor of music in the Youngstown public schools for a quarter of a century, and she was graduated from the musical department of Oberlin University, and subsequently taught music in the West Lafayette College and Northfield Seminary until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Leighninger have two children, Robert Dean Leighninger and David Scott Leighninger. Religiously Mr. Leighninger and wife are members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a member of Western Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Buechner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Youngstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Chamber of Commerce.

Nelson A. Cowdery, one of the patriarchs of the Mahoning Valley, whose long life was a continuous exertion for good and community welfare, was born at Hartland, Connecticut, May 6, 1826, and in the same fall was brought in a one-horse wagon to Ohio by his parents, Allen and Mary (Norton) Cowdery. The family settled in Mecca Township on a farm that is now owned by J. A. Hayden. Allen Cowdery cleared up the land, which he had obtained from the Connecticut Land Company at $2.50 an acre. About the time Nelson A. Cowdery reached his majority his father traded for a farm in West Mecca near his brother Ambrose, who had come from Connecticut in 1825.

At the age of nineteen Nelson A. Cowdery was given permission by his father in order to get married to Flora Beach of Vernon Township, four years his senior. Soon afterwards with his father he bought eighty acres of woods at $7 an acre in West Mecca and obtained fifty acres of this as his share and later the rest. During the oil excitement, with rising prices for land, Allen sold his farm and bought a place a mile south of Cortland, and the son Nelson followed him there six years later and also bought a farm. Allen Cowdery died at the age of seventy-six. His first wife passed away in 1835, the mother of four children, Nelson being the last survivor. His second wife was Lavina Beach, and his third wife a Mrs. Croft. There were two children of the second marriage, one son dying as a Union soldier, while Drayton now lives at Farmington.

In 1895 Nelson Cowdery built his present home in the Village of Cortland. His farm comprised 125 acres and while living in Mecca Township he also operated a saw mill three years. He was one of the organizers and one of the first directors of the First National Bank of Cortland which was established in 1892 with a capital of $50,000. He served as president until the charter expired twenty years later, and it was then succeeded by the Cortland Savings & Banking Company, with a capital of $35,000 and Mr. Cowdery continued as president.

From 1872 to 1878 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners. One work of this board was the construction at a cost of $20,000 of the Market Street bridge in Warren, a structure that has stood the test of time and wear ever since. In 1870 at Cortland Mr. Cowdery built a cheese factory. He hired a cheese maker for one year and during that time his daughter learned the details of cheese manufacture and afterwards she and Mr. Cowdery conducted the factory alone. This factory was the primary influence in stimulating milk production and making this region a dairy center, a character that still prevails. The old factory converted the milk from 900 cows and the Cowdery farm operated a dairy of fifty cows. The business has been in continuous operation for half a century and the plant is now part of the Creamery and Condensery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowdery were probably the oldest married couple in the Mahoning Valley. At her death they had lived together sixty-four years, nine months, seven days. Four children were born to their marriage. Mr. Cowdery early became identified with the Congregational Church, his father's church, but while operating the cheese factory he asked for a letter from the old church at Mecca. At first this was refused on account of his working on Sunday, but later it was granted, and since then he has been connected with the Christian Church. In early days he heard President Garfield preach.

Judge David Gottlieb Jenkins. Behind and justifying his present high office as judge of Common Pleas Court No. 1 at Youngstown, Judge Jenkins has a record as a successful lawyer for the past thirteen years, a former editor and technical man in several iron plants, and also two highly creditable terms as city solicitor of Youngstown.

Judge Jenkins was born at Port Talbot, a seaport town in Wales, in 1879. His Welsh ancestors for generations have been prominent in the tin and other metal industries of Wales. The father of Judge Jenkins was Daniel R. Jenkins, now living at Youngstown. He was born in Wales, and when about a year old, in 1847, was taken to Germany by his father, David Jenkins. David Jenkins had been called to Germany by the Imperial Government to erect the first tin plate works in the Empire. The two plants which he built were named respectively Germania and Albion. Daniel R. Jenkins as a young man acquired an expert knowledge of the building and management of tinplate mills. Though his home was in

Wales, his business duties required his frequent presence in Westphalia, Munich and other places in Germany, and also in Northern Hungary. His technical knowledge and experience made his services in great demand, and for many years he was practically an international authority in the tinplate business. While his private business affairs were prosperous, he had the spirit of the traveler, and it was his zest for travel and new scenes that brought him to the United States in 1894. He lived for several years at New Castle, Pennsylvania, and afterwards came to Youngstown.

David Gottlieb Jenkins received his second name from a boyhood friend of his father, a German, and the godfather of Judge Jenkins. Judge Jenkins acquired his primary education in Germany and Hungary, and was about fifteen years of age when the family came to America. He graduated from the New Castle High School in 1900 and the following year came to Youngstown. His first work here was in the laboratory of the Ohio Works, and from 1903 to 1905 he was editor of the Youngstown Labor Advocate. He then studied law, and attended the Ohio Northern University Law Department at Ada, where he was a student under former Governor Willis. He was admitted to the bar in December, 1906, and after practicing one year was appointed assistant city solicitor. In 1909 he was elected city solicitor and re-elected without opposition in 1911. His most important work as city solicitor outside of the regular office routine was in formulating the plans for the creation of the Milton reservoir, the source of Youngstown's water supply. In 1918 he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Judge W. P. Barnum as judge of the Common Pleas Court, and while one of the younger Common Pleas judges in Ohio his work has abundantly justified his choice. Judge Jenkins is widely known as an authority on history and economics. He has contributed articles on these subjects to leading journals and magazines, and has delivered addresses covering the above subjects in various sections of the country.

Judge Jenkins married in 1915, Edna J. Williams, daughter of Thomas B. Williams, of Youngstown. They have three children: Bronwen Elise, Elwyn Vernon and Ivor Neville. The family are members of the Episcopal Church. He is a Royal Arch Mason and Knight of Pythias, and is the present district representative of the Odd Fellows at the Grand Lodge.

John A. Fithian. Both as a member of one of the learned professions, and as an alert and successful business man, John A. Fithian is a decided asset to his community, and is recognized as one of the representative men of Youngstown. He was born in the same house at Youngstown, as his mother, 1615 Poland Avenue, April 26, 1870, and is a brother of James Bruce Fithian, in whose biography appears the family history.

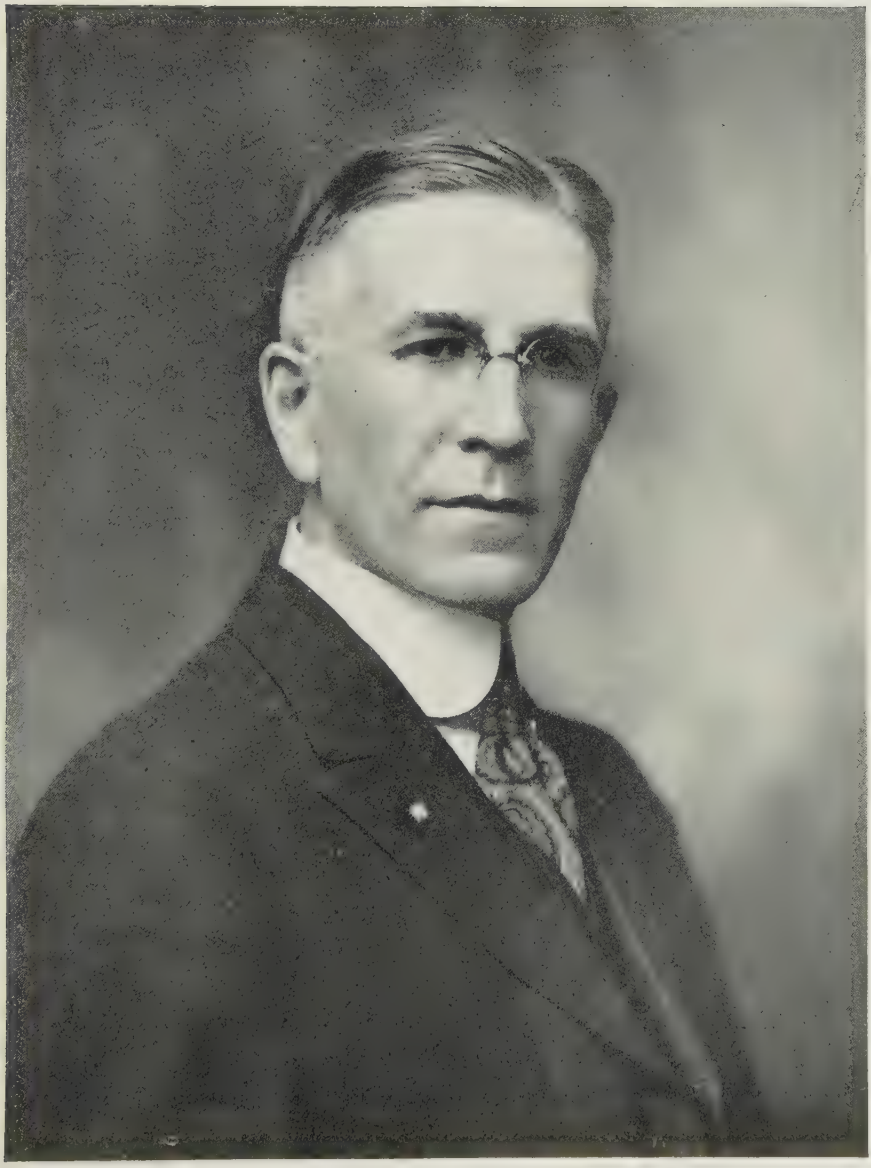
Growing up at Youngstown, John A. Fithian attended the Grove City College where he took special courses, and following his completion of them, he learned telegraphy and became an operator for the Bessemer Railroad, with which he remained for three years. Mr. Fithian then became bookkeeper for the Poland Coal Company of Youngstown, and was also connected with the coal interests of the Tods and Stambaughs, and after these were sold to the Pittsburgh Coal Company, he became teller for the Dollar Savings Bank. After five and one-half years in that institution, Mr. Fithian accepted a similar position with the newly organized City Trust & Savings Company and held it for four and one-half years.

Leaving the banking business, Mr. Fithian bought the real estate and insurance business of Pfau & France and has conducted it ever since, representing seventeen insurance companies, and conducting his affairs under the name of The Fithian Agency. In the interval Mr. Fithian read law in the night school of the Young Men's Christian Association and was admitted to the bar in 1915, and since then has practiced his profession to a considerable extent, he being especially expert on realty and insurance law. He belongs to the Mahoning Valley Bar Association. In addition to all of these interests, Mr. Fithian is secretary of The Miller Bros. Coal Company and secretary and treasurer of The Fithian-Miller Realty Company.

On October 26, 1897, Mr. Fithian was united in marriage with Miss Jennie O. Miller, a daughter of Andrew J. and Hattie (Johnson) Miller. Mr. Miller was a labor contractor for Andrews Bros. Mill at Haselton, Ohio, and later one of the city commissioners; he died July 5, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Fithian became the parents of two sons, namely: J. Adelbert, who was born in 1900, has completed the high school course; and Paul M., who was born in 1906. Mr. Fithian belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the Western Star No. 21, Youngstown, Ohio. Both he and his wife are active members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Youngstown, he serving on its official board, and she as an official of the missionary society, and both are highly regarded in church circles as they are elsewhere because of their earnestness and sincerity. For a number of years Mr. Fithian has been a member of the Real Estate Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, Youngstown Auto Club and Young Men's Christian Association, and in this connection, as otherwise, has done much to boost Youngstown and effect further improvements.

Rev. Maurice Francis Griffin has done a great work at Youngstown as pastor of St. Edward's Catholic Church. He is big and strong, a natural leader among men, and his personality and wonderful smile have drawn people to him from all ranks and classes and given him a great influence for good in this community.

Father Griffin was born in Toledo, Ohio, July 1, 1880, son of Maurice Francis and Margaret (Daly) Griffin. Both his grandfathers were Union soldiers and five of his uncles were also in that war. His grandfather Michael Daly spent a year as a prisoner in Andersonville, and was on the ill-fated Sultana, the steamship laden with wounded Union soldiers which while returning to the North was blown up in the Mississippi River. Maurice F. Griffin, Sr., who died in 1906, at the age of sixty-nine, was an iron and steel worker and at the time of his death



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was superintendent of the Toledo Foundry and Machine Shops. The family moved from Toledo to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1861. Father Griffin was one of a family of four children. He and his sister Helen are the only ones now living, and his sister and his mother reside in the father's rectory at Youngstown.

Father Griffin acquired his early education at Toledo, graduating from the Central High School in 1899. He was awarded the English scholarship at the Western Reserve University, where he was a student two years and began the study of law. Later he entered Notre Dame University, pursued the philosophic course three years and received a degree, and after his theological work at the seminary was ordained by Bishop Hickey in 1908. Soon afterward he was assigned to St. Columba's Church at Youngstown, and in August, 1916, was appointed pastor of St. Edward's parish. He has done much organization work and his services have been particularly helpful in the administration of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Henry Wick. In Youngstown, the name "Wick" is a synonym for fiscal integrity and unusual ability, for high character, and for public spiritedness. Among the many members of this family who have contributed richly to the success and soundness of Youngstown's business institutions and the quality of her citizenship, one of the most prominent was Henry Wick, born May 13, 1846, a son of Hugh Bryson and Lucretia Winchell Wick, and a grandson of Henry Wick, the founder of the family in Youngstown, and his wife Hannah Baldwin Wick.

Born in Youngstown, Henry Wick spent substantially the whole of his life in that city. He received his early education in the public schools of that city and in Western Reserve College.

He began business as a coal operator and was most active in the development of the coal mines of the Mahoning Valley and the Pittsburgh field. Later he became interested in the iron business. He organized and operated the Youngstown Rolling Mill Company, one of the most successful of the earlier producers in this line. He was one of the incorporators of The Ohio Iron and Steel Company and, for many years, its vice president. Much of the conspicuous success of this company is attributed to his wise counsel. He organized also the Ohio Steel Company, the first company to manufacture Bessemer steel in the Mahoning Valley. Of this company he was president from the time of its organization until it was merged a few years later with other companies to form the National Steel Company. He then was president of the National Steel Company and continued to act in that capacity until this company, in turn, was absorbed by the Carnegie Steel Company and finally by the United States Steel Corporation. Still later, Mr. Wick bought the Elyria Iron and Steel Company of Elyria, Ohio. He re-organized this company, greatly increased the capacity of its plant, and, acting in the capacity of president, had general supervision of its operations up to the time of his death.

In addition to these, the more conspicuous of his business undertakings, he was interested directly and indirectly in a great many others. He was a partner in the well known and notably successful banking firm of Wick Brothers & Company, and an officer in the Wick National Bank, which was the successor of that firm. Also, he was a director of the First National Bank, the Dollar Savings and Trust Company, the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and many other of Youngstown's well known business institutions.

For many years he was engaged in lumbering, metal mining and ranching in the far West. A lover of nature and all that went with it, he was intensely interested in agriculture and live stock, and in later years owned and operated on a scientific basis several large farms near his home city.

It is difficult, even today, to turn anywhere in Youngstown without being confronted with some monument to Mr. Wick's business genius. His talents were as varied as the opportunities which came to his door, and he made exceptionally good use of both.

Henry Wick was a vital and compelling force. He was a tireless worker and a natural leader of men. He was a hater of sham and show, and a lover of truth and justice. He was loyal to friends and just to every one. He had a veritable passion for home and for the near ones who are the life of home. His domestic life was one of peculiar charm and unusual happiness. He was an active and influential member of the First Presbyterian Church, and an interested and liberal contributor to substantially all of the welfare agencies of his home city, and an active worker in many. Politically, he was a republican. A vigorous advocate of prohibition, he for several years was the leader of the dry forces in his home district.

Mr. Wick died of pneumonia in December, 1915. His wife, Mary Arms Wick, a real partner, whose beautiful character, high purposes and unwavering devotion had been a living inspiration throughout the whole of his intensely active career, followed him within five days. Both Henry Wick and this noble woman, who was his wife, will long be remembered for the uplifting influence which they exerted and the visible good they wrought.

Thomas McNamara, Jr., has practiced law steadily in the Mahoning Valley for thirty years, has won high distinction in his profession, and perhaps no more effective tribute can be paid him than that he has pursued his work with a singular devotion almost uninfluenced by the many tempting offers of political honors such as most lawyers regard as attractive rewards of their profession.

Mr. McNamara was born in Niles, Ohio, December 26, 1865, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (McMahon) McNamara. His parents were born and reared in Ireland and came when young people to the United States. Thomas McNamara, Sr., spent his active life as a farmer in Trumbull County and lived on his old homestead about fifty years. He died there in December, 1919. His predominant characteristics were his rugged, sterling honesty, simplicity of character and kindly disposition. A Catholic, and as one of the early settlers of Niles, he was the first to break sod for the original Catholic Church of that

city. He was quiet, unassuming, neighborly, and did his part in public benefactions and always commanded general esteem. He neither sought nor held public office. His wife died in May, 1910. Of their nine children seven reached mature years, and five are living.

Thomas McNamara, Jr., spent his boyhood on a farm, attended district schools, and afterwards graduated from the Ohio Northern University at Ada in 1889 with the Bachelor of Science degree. He studied law at the Cincinnati Law College, which graduated him in 1891. Mr. McNamara has always practiced his profession alone, and during the past thirty years his name has been frequently linked with large and important cases in the courts of Youngstown and in higher tribunes. He is a member of the State and County Bar associations.

Again and again appointments and nominations of a high character have been tendered him, all of which he declined because of his growing private practice, though such appointments would have been regarded by many an ambitious lawyer as satisfactory rewards and real distinctions. Mr. McNamara has been quite active in the democratic party as a worker in the ranks, and served as a delegate to the National Convention at St. Louis which nominated Alton B. Parker and also to the convention in the same city in 1916 when Mr. Wilson was renominated.

In November, 1898, Mr. McNamara married Miss Adelaide McMillen of Youngstown. They have four children, Thomas, John, Adelaide and Eleanor.

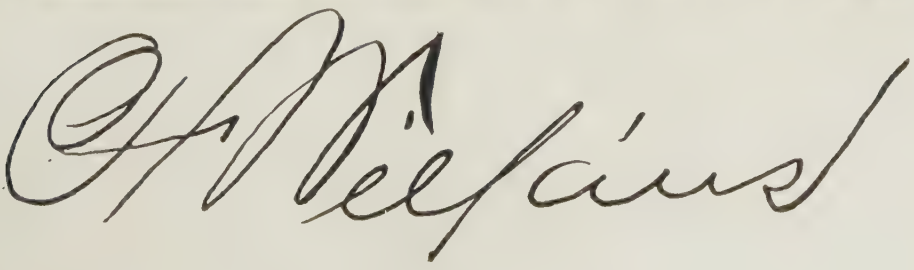
Charles F. Wilkins, secretary and general manager of the Wilkins-Leonard Hardware Company, is one of the substantial business men of Youngstown who merits the confidence he inspires. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on August 24, 1866, a son of Isaac A. and Anna M. (Hart) Wilkins, both of whom were natives of the same county as their son. There they were married and, settling upon a farm, became useful members of their community. He died in 1909, she surviving him until 1918, when she too, passed away.

Charles F. Wilkins was reared in his native county and learned the fundamentals of farming from his father while he was attending the neighborhood school. When he was nineteen years of age he secured a teacher's certificate and for two years taught in the country districts, and then, in 1886, decided to try his fortune in a larger field, selecting Youngstown for the experiment. At first he was employed by the Morris Hardware Company for the meager salary of $25 per month, and remained with that concern for seven years gaining during that period a thorough knowledge of the hardware business, which has proven very valuable to him in his later operations. In 1892 he joined the J. H. & F. A. Sells Company of Columbus, Ohio, as a traveling salesman and represented it on the road for one year, and seven years for the H. W. Lenkemeyer & Son, of Cleveland, covering Northern Ohio and Eastern Pennsylvania, and then resigned and returned to Youngstown, where he immediately organized the Wilkins-Leonard Hardware Company, with a capital stock of $50,000, which was taken by the friends he had made during his former seven years' residence at Youngstown. This fact is very significant, and is about as fine a testimonial any man need want of the confidence felt in his ability. From the beginning Mr. Wilkins has been secretary and general manager of the company, and as such has so shaped its policies that it has had a prosperous career, the volume of business showing a natural and very healthy increase year by year. He has always taken a fatherly interest in his employes and endeavors to so develop their capabilities as to make them not only useful to the concern, but to their community at large.

On September 27, 1898, Mr. Wilkins was united in marriage with Miss Vernice M. Darrow, a daughter of David R. and Laura N. Darrow, who, for the past thirty years have been engaged in the market gardening busines at East Youngstown. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Wilkins was a teacher in the public schools of Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins have one son, Donald F., two children having died. James D. died aged twelve years, and Julia A. died aged nine months. Mr. Wilkins belongs to Youngstown Lodge No. 103, Independent Order Odd Fellows. He is amember of the official board of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Youngstown. One of the boosters of Youngstown, Mr. Wilkins has long been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Builders Exchange and is a director of the Credit Men's Association. Having risen from the bottom, Mr. Wilkins understands the needs of his over fifty employes, and is proud of the fact that all he is today is the result of his own industry, thrift and perseverance, and is constantly trying to demonstrate to others that the same opportunities are waiting for them if they are willing to make the same exertion to grasp them that he did.

Alfred C. Cook. A man of excellent business ability and judgment, upright and just in all of his dealings, Alfred C. Cook has had a varied experience during his active career, and is now most acceptably filling the position of superintendent of the Safety Welfare and Claims Department of the Youngstown District of the Carnegie Steel Company. A son of the late Peter Cook, he was born, February 4, 1873, in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, of German lineage.

Born, reared and educated in Baden, Germany, Peter Cook there learned the trade of a stone mason. Immigrating to the United States when a young man, he located first in Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade, and was likewise a contractor for forty years. In the latter capacity, he erected improvements on the Custer estate, which formerly belonged to the Perkins family. Industrious and thrifty, he bought a farm in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on which he and his family settled, and from his home he made daily trips to his place of business in Sharon. There he continued his residence until his death, in August, 1918, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He married Margaret Denninger, who died in July, 1918, at the age of eighty-five years, having then enjoyed a happy married life of sixty-five years. Ten children



were born of their union, five of whom are now living.

Having completed the course of study in the country schools of Brookfield, Alfred C. Cook attended a business school in Youngstown, borrowing from his father sufficient money to pay his expenses, a sum that he subsequently repaid from his earnings. At the age of sixteen years, he began his career as clerk in a general store, being first employed in Greenville, Pennsylvania, and later in Warren, Ohio, in both places having charge of the dry goods department. Making a change of employment and residence, Mr. Cook came to Youngstown as an employee of the Prudential Insurance Company, and later assumed charge of the Royal Union Mutual Insurance Agency. Accepting a position with the Carnegie Steel Company next, he was variously employed in the Ohio Works, serving in the Bessemer Department, in the superintendent's office, and as night foreman in the rolling department. On April 19, 1903, Mr. Cook was unfortunate enough to meet with a serious accident that came very near making him a permanent cripple.

In the spring of 1904, after having been disabled for thirteen months, Mr. Cook was placed by Joseph McDonald, superintendent, in charge of the Ohio Works ball team, a team standing high at that time in the baseball world. In 1905 he became claim agent for the Youngstown District of the Carnegie Steel Company, and was also made superintendent of its Welfare and Safety Department, positions for which he is fully qualified, and which he is filling to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. During the World war, he was director of the Red Cross organization of the city, and still retains the position.

On November 19, 1908, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Beil, a daughter of Jerry Beil, of Youngstown, and of their union two children have been born, Donald Raymond, born in 1913, and Keith Everett, born in 1919. Fraternally Mr. Cook is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce; to the local Welfare Association; to the Ohio Safety Engineers; to the Industrial Engineers; and to the National Safety Council.

Lionel Evans. A lover of nature in all its forms, and especially interested in the development and growth of plant life, Lionel Evans, superintendent of the parks of Youngstown, is amply qualified by study, natural tastes and broad experience for the position he is so ably filling, the great work he has accomplished in the direction of affording enjoyment to the masses, and developing their power to appreciate the beautiful, being recognized by the general public. A native of England, he was born in Middlesborough, being the youngest of a family of eight children born to David and Rachael Evans, who were born, reared and married in Wales, his birth having occurred August 27, 1880.

After locating in Middlesborough, England, David Evans was employed in the iron and steel works until 1882, when he immigrated with his wife and children to Ohio. Settling in Youngstown, he found employment as a heater in the Mahoning Valley Iron Works, with which he was identified for many years.

Brought up in Youngstown, Lionel Evans attended the Shehy and Oak Street schools, and while yet a young lad began working in the Mahoning Valley Iron Company's Plant, first as errand boy for the superintendent, later being a piler, then assistant heater and heater. In 1910, after that plant had become the Republic Plant, Mr. Evans resigned to accept his present position as superintendent of the Youngstown parks. Previous to that date, however, he had represented the Second Ward in the city council for nearly three years, serving as a member of the committee on parks, new streets and public improvements.

Youngstown had but two parks when Mr. Evans assumed the position of superintendent, Wick and Lincoln parks, but under his supervision four others have been established, Crandall, Pine Hollow, South Side and Mill Creek. In the latter named nature has done her most to make the park charming, and man has very wisely made little attempt to improve it. Aside from these beautiful parks Youngstown has seven play grounds for the children, all improved and beautified under the supervision of Mr. Evans, which are a credit to the city. Mr. Evans is an active member of the American Association of Park Superintendents, with whom he meets each year.

On September 30, 1903, Mr. Evans was united in marriage with Mae A. Maxwell, daughter of John Maxwell, and they have one child, Margaret. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Evans are members of the Baptist Church. Fraternally Mr. Evans belongs to the Free and Accepted Order of Masons, belonging to all the local bodies of the order with the exception of the Shrine; and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He likewise is identified by membership with the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

Delos Kinney Moser. A distinctive service, and appreciated as such by the community of Warren, has been the twenty-one years in which Delos Kinney Moser has been chief of the Warren City Fire Department. In fact he has been head of the fire department since it was put on a paid basis, and his record as a fire fighter goes back many years previously, while in service as a volunteer.

Mr. Moser was born in Warren on October 22, 1862, the son of Owen and Laura (Lane) Moser. His grandfather, Philip Moser, was of an old Pennsylvania family of Dutch ancestry, and was born at Allentown, Pennsylvania. He settled in Warren, Ohio, in 1834, and later he moved to a farm in Lordstown Township, Trumbull County. Owen Moser was born at Allentown in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in 1828, and was brought to Trumbull County when a small child. He became widely known in after years as a landlord, and was in the hotel business at Warren and other points. He died at Warren in 1913. His wife, who died at Warren in 1912, was born in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County, in 1829, daughter of John and Ann Lane, who were settlers on a farm in Brookfield Township from Connecticut.

Delos Kinney Moser acquired a good education in the Warren public schools. He had an active business

experience for many years. For fourteen years he was employed by the Packard Manufacturing Company, then spent two years with Charles B. Loveless in the lumber business, and for two years more was in the retail grocery business. Throughout his business association, beginning in 1882, he was an active member of the old Warren Volunteer Fire Department. His efficient service with that organization made him the logical choice in 1898, when the city organized a paid fire department, for the position of chief. During his administration of over twenty-one years the department has vastly increased in equipment, personnel and all around efficiency, and Mr. Moser may be justly proud of his record.

Mr. Moser is a member of the International Association of Fire Engineers and of the Ohio State Firemen's Association, serving the latter in the capacity of secretary for thirteen years, and in 1914 that association presented him with a handsome gold chief's badge, in token of his splendid service. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mr. Moser married Miss Rose Gorghill, a sister of James P. Gorghill, of Warren. She died in 1890, leaving one son and a daughter, Philip and Isabel. The son is now an engineer in the heating department of the General Fire Extinguisher Company of Warren. He married Mary Colter, of Youngstown, and their family of three sons and three daughters are: Rosemary, Philip, Catherine, Delos, Isabel and Thomas. Mr. Moser's daughter, Isabel, is the wife of Charles R. Saxon, and they have a son, Richard Palmer. Mr. Saxon is now a resident of Birmingham, Alabama, and is assistant treasurer of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company.

Otto Kaufmann and Edward S. Kaufmann. The name of Kaufmann is connected with one of the large manufacturing concerns of Youngstown, which has been developed to its present proportions through the initial efforts of Otto Kaufmann, and the supplemental work of the men he has associated with him in its conduct. Otto Kaufmann was born in Germany on October 24, 1866, a son of Ferdinand and Fanny (Altschul) Kaufmann, both of whom died in Germany, where the father was prominent in mercantile circles. He and his wife had eight sons and two daughters, namely: Dr. Theodore Kaufmann, mayor of Heidelberg, Germany, is a prominent attorney and politician; Ludwig, Fritz, Richard, Ernst and Rudolph, all of whom are successful merchants; Albert, who is a portrait painter; and Otto, whose name heads this review.

In 1885 Otto Kaufmann came to the United States, the deciding factor in his leaving his native country being his distaste of the prevailing military system. Prior to leaving he was employed as a clerk in a bank with the noted international financier Otto H. Kahn, who left for England at the time Mr. Kauffmann came to America. On account of the custom then prevailing of sending clerks to foreign banks to learn their systems, Mr. Kaufmann experienced no difficulty in securing a leave of absence, arrangements having been made for his going on west to Chicago where a position was to be given him with the First National Bank of that city. However Mr. Kaufmann had other plans and, instead of going on to Chicago, remained in New York City and secured a position with the New York City Button Works as bookkeeper. After four years he was made superintendent of the factory, having charge of 600 people, rising in salary from $6 to $50 per week. He continued with this firm until 1900, when he was made a partner, the association continuing till 1904 when the firm was disbanded, and Mr. Kaufmann then began the manufacture of incandescent gas mantles, under the name of the Challenge Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Kaufmann was made president. Subsequently his company purchased the plant of the American Incandescent Lamp Company, and still later the entire business was sold to the Block Light Company of New York, of which Mr. Kaufmann was made general manager of the manufacturing plant. In 1906 he became general manager of the entire business, succeeding Mr. Block, Edward Steindler of New York becoming its president.

In 1908 Mr. Kaufmann visited Youngstown to look over the plant of the Cremo Light Company which appealed to him very strongly so he bought the interests of this company, renewed its lease of the plant, and returning to New York, advised the board of directors to build a factory at Youngstown and move to that city because of its more central location for shipping purposes. Acting upon his advice, the company bought three acres of land at Youngstown, upon which a plant was erected to suit its purpose, although the original building barely covered one acre. After removal was made to Youngstown, the business expanded to such an extent that more buildings had to be put up and now the plant covers fully two acres. Mr. Steindler died in 1912, and in 1915 the business was reorganized as the Block Gas Mantle Company, with Otto Kaufmann as president; Edward S. Kaufmann, vice president, and Thomas W. Woodward, secretary. The authorized capital stock is $1,000,000, of which $301,000 is issued—$50,000 preferred, $251,000 common.

The Block Gas Mantle Company is a close corporation. It acquired the mining properties of monazite sand owned by the National Light & Thorium Company of Youngstown. Employment is given to from 300 to 400 persons. There are branch offices at Chicago, New York and San Francisco, and a very large export business is carried on that extends all over the world. This company erected a plant at Youngstown for the manufacture of thorium nitrate and cerium nitrate which before the war were manufactured exclusively in Germany. The Block Gas Mantle Company is the second largest concern in the United States engaged in the production of gas mantles. In addition to the mantles the company also produces a large number of arc lamps.

Otto Kaufmann was married to Rose Haber of New York City, and Mr. Kaufmann has four sons, namely: Edward S., who is mentioned below; William D., who was born in 1904, is attending a mili-

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tary school at Bordentown, New Jersey; Ferdinand, who was born in 1911; and Theodore, who was born in 1912. Mr. Kaufmann is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club. He is exceedingly charitable, and has served as chairman of the finance committee of the Federated Charities for some time, and is a trustee and vice president of the Jewish Temple Rodelf Sholem, chairman of the relief for Jewish war sufferers and represents the State of Ohio in the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Kaufmann has paid special attention to those charities having for their object the caring for dependent children, and was one of the incorporators of the Jewish Infants' Home at Columbus, Ohio, of which he is treasurer. His annual contributions to the National Charities aggregate a large amount, and his personal donations are without doubt of much greater magnitude than are ever made public. Big of heart, he cannot see distress without doing all in his power to relieve it, and there are many who hold his name in reverent affection because of the great goodness of the man.

Edward S. Kaufmann, son of Otto Kaufmann and vice president of the Block Gas Mantle Company, is a graduate in chemistry from the Chicago University, and a registered pharmacist of the State of Ohio, but has entered into an active participation in the work of his company. During the late war he spent twenty-two months in France as a member of the famous Eighty-Third Division, with the rank of sergeant. Like his father he is an enthusiastic booster for Youngstown, and prepared to give his home community the benefit of his best efforts.

Mr. Kaufmann and wife aside from their work in Jewish societies also help all worthy causes irrespective of race or creed.

Samuel W. Sigler, township trustee and retired merchant of Newton Falls, Trumbull County, Ohio, is one of the leading and most public-spirited men of that place. In his business activities, which brought him eventually to a comfortable monetary state in retirement, he showed much ability, enterprise, initiative and versatility; demonstrated his capability in many capacities—as an educator, as a traveling salesman, and as an aggressive, alert and honest merchant; and as a citizen he has manifested a sincerity of community interest and an effectiveness in public work such as must of necessity have brought him the appreciation of his fellow-townsmen. He was a councilman for many years; is serving his third term as trustee; and in the matter of good roads, of education and other community movements of consequence he has been a well-recognized leader. In one very important connection he proved himself to be an American citizen of undoubted loyalty and thoroughness, for during the progress of the recent strenuous and serious struggle in Europe he participated usefully and whole-heartedly in all phases of home work of war purpose, especially in connection with the campaigns to secure the stupendous loans required by the national government for the purposes of the war. His meritorious co-operation in such work brought Mr. Sigler national acknowledgment, he being one of those worth-while American citizens upon whom the medal of the United States treasury department was conferred in appreciation of their outstanding service to the national administration in matters pertaining to the several Liberty Bond issues. Such an acknowledgment must be especially gratifying to Mr. Sigler and to his friends, in view of the fact that the Sigler family is German in origin, although of so distant an origin that the fact could have but little bearing upon the thoughts and ties of recent American generations of that family. In fact there are few American families so old in American antecedents, the Sigler (Zeighler) family having a record of American residence such as any American scion of it might justly be proud, the record going back as it does to almost a century before the time of the Revolution—to the year 1700, when the American progenitors (seven brothers) of that family settled in the Dutch colony of New York, formerly known as New Netherlands, and there the family for some generations lived. The Ohio record of the Sigler family goes back to pioneer days, the grandfather of Samuel W. Sigler of Newton Falls having come with an ox-team, probably from Connecticut, and settled on wild land in Fowler Township in about the year 1800. So that Samuel W. Sigler has good right to a place in the current edition of Mahoning Valley history.

Samuel W. Sigler was born in the Sigler homestead in Fowler Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on October 18, 1860, the son of Leicester and Hannah J. (Horton) Sigler, and grandson of Urial Sigler, the pioneer settler of the Sigler family in the Mahoning Valley. Urial Sigler settled in Fowler Township, Trumbull County, and married into the Hall family of Fowler Township, his wife having probably been born in Fowler Township, where they lived for the remainder of their lives, and where their children, five sons and five daughters, were born. Urial Sigler reached the age of fifty-nine years, and although the data now available do not state that his wife died in the same year, they state that she died "at about the same age." Urial Sigler cleared an extensive acreage, owning in later life 220 acres of good agricultural land; in fact only one farmer of that township owned a larger acreage. He was a man of estimable private life, loved his home, and worked industriously to properly raise his large family. He took little part in public life, concentrating his energy upon the development of his own farm, and in clearing 220 acres of wild land he contributed appreciably to the development of the section. His five sons were: Artemas, who went in young manhood into Michigan, settling at Adrian, of that state, where he died; Gilbert, who lived in Fowler Township for the greater part of his life, his death, however, occurring in Cleveland, Ohio; Austin, who became a wealthy merchant, for a while living in Fowler Township, but subsequently living in Cortland Village, Bazetta Township, where he had residence for the remainder of his life, died suddenly in the Warren courthouse, and his store is still continued by his sons, Eugene and Grant; Leicester, regarding whom more is written hereinafter; George, who

lived and died in Fowler Township. George was a retail merchant in Fowler Township, and also managed the home farm, which is still in the possession of his son Wayne.

Leicester Sigler, father of Samuel W., was born in Fowler Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on January 25, 1830. He died on January 18, 1899, aged sixty-nine years. His life was passed mostly in farming pursuits in Fowler Township, but in early manhood he was for some years a traveling salesman. As a jewelry salesman he traveled extensively in eastern states for a Warren jeweler, father of Jules Vantrot, who still conducts a jewelry business in Warren, and regarding whose family and its association with past days of that city note will be found elsewhere in this edition. Leicester Sigler was wont to set out on his extensive business trips with a large stock, probably to a value of from $5,000 to $8,000, and would return when all had been sold. It was on one such trip that he met Hannah J. Horton, who eventually became his wife. She was born in Chautauqua County, New York, and there she was married to Leicester Sigler. Soon afterward Leicester Sigler bought a farm in his native township, and there for the remainder of his life he lived. He was an enterprising farmer, and by good business acumen was able to get a good return from his labors. The commercial spirit of his younger days manifested itself in him often after he had settled down to farming. He did much retailing of farm produce in the industrial centres, mainly at Sharon, Pennsylvania. He kept a large herd of milch cows, an average probably of fifty, and the yield of that herd he converted mainly into cheese, which he stored until the fall and then took to market. He was still on his farm, taking active part in its management, in the year of his death, 1899. His widow still survives, and is still in comparatively good health, bearing in mind her extreme age, eighty-seven years. Since the death of her husband she has been cared for by her son Samuel W., who took over the operation of the home farm. There were two children born to Leicester and Hannah J. (Horton) Sigler: Samuel W., of whom more follows; and Guy H., deceased. The latter was never robust, and died when he was thirty-nine years old. For some years he was a farmer in Hartford Township, Trumbull County.

Samuel W., elder son of Leicester and Hannah J. (Horton) Sigler, has lived an active and useful life. Born in Fowler Township in 1860, he was raised on the parental farm, attended the township school, and lived with his parents until he was twenty-five years old. After passing through the local schools he had resolved to enter the teaching profession, and for that purpose took the course at the Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, under Professor Holbrook, who became widely known as an author of school text books. He had previously also attended the academy at Hartford, Ohio, so that eventually he was well qualified as an educator. He was apparently an alert youth and an apt student, for he was only sixteen years old when he secured a teacher's certificate. Altogether, he was an educator for eleven years, in district and graded schools, for two years being a teacher in the graded schools at Berg Hill. His subsequent career was somewhat varied, but withal creditable and successful. For a while he engaged in the sale of agricultural implements and later merchandise. In 1901 he became independently established in a merchandizing business in Newton Falls, Ohio, and has been one of the leading merchants of that place since that year. He still operates the farm left to him by his father, so that in all he is a busy man. He has also shown a commendable public spirit; has entered unselfishly and effectively into the administrative responsibilities of the township; and generally has shown himself to be a good citizen. He has been a township trustee for many years; has been a councilman; and in movements of consequence to the community he has been most active. His public record shows that his efforts were instrumental in securing good roads through the township, and in that connection he did especially productive work during the time Thomas Madden, of Niles, was county commissioner. The part he took in the movement which resulted in the building of the Community Building at Newton Falls was a creditable one, and he has ably co-operated in the endeavors of the Board of Education.

Politically Mr. Sigler is a republican. His father was a democrat, and in early manhood he, also, supported that party, but for the last twenty-five years he has been an ardent republican. As a republican he first cast his vote for McKinley, who became President, and he has since taken active part in republican work in his district, although he has never sought political office. As an American citizen of whole-hearted loyalty he took a prominent part in the various war work in home sectors during the World war. He was identified with local committees in every drive for Liberty Bond sales, and his effective work for the national cause eventually found national recognition, Mr. Sigler treasuring the medal conferred upon him by the United States treasury department.

He married, in 1882, November 9th, Lottie M., daughter of Darius and Olive (Tew) Baldwin, of Fowler Township, and granddaughter of Ephriam Baldwin, who came from Connecticut and was among the early settlers in Fowler Township. Darius Baldwin was born in Fowler Township, and spent the greater part of his life in that township, in 1886, however, going to California, where he lived for twenty years, until his death in 1906, when he was eighty-one years old. After that event his widow came north, and for the remainder of her life lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sigler, in Newton Falls. She reached the venerable age of ninety-one years, her death not occurring until May, 1919.

R. B. Stauffer is treasurer, director and shop manager of the Ohio Structural Steel Company at Newton Falls. He was associated with his brother, M. H. Stauffer and with Mr. Heltzel in organizing this industry in 1919, and brings to the business a long individual experience that has made his service invaluable to the company. He gives his personal supervision to all the shop work, and he makes his

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home at Newton Falls, which he believes is one of the coming centers of industry in the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Stauffer was born at Nuremberg in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1887. He learned the blacksmith's trade in the railroad shops at Sayre, Pennsylvania, and remained in those shops for twelve years, until he resigned and came to Newton Falls. Mr. Stauffer is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World. He married at Berwick, Pennsylvania, Miss Maud Thomas, and they have two children, Bessie and Maybell.

Gipson Perry Gillmer. One of the men of the Mahoning Valley who has won recognition as an able attorney and progressive citizen is Gipson P. Gillmer, of Warren. A product of the valley, his career has reflected credit not only on himself but upon the entire community—a community noted for its able professional and business men.

Gipson Perry Gillmer was born on the Gillmer homestead in Newton Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on July 31, 1872, a son of James A. and Laura (Byers) Gillmer. James A. Gillmer was born in Newton Township in 1841, the son of Alexander Gillmer, a native of New England, and a pioneer of Trumbull County. Laura Byers was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, of Holland-Dutch descent. Both parents are still living.

Reared on the homestead, Gipson P. Gillmer attended the district schools and Newton Falls High School, and was graduated from the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso, Indiana, in the scientific course, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1899. He then took a two years' post-graduate course in the classics at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, receiving a certificate. For some years Mr. Gillmer was an educator, teaching in Newton Township, Newton Falls, was principal of the Gustavus Township High School, principal of the mathematical department of the Niles, Ohio, High School, and superintendent of the public schools of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Gillmer read law with T. H. Gillmer of Warren, attended the Cincinnati Law School, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1903, entering upon the practice of law at Niles, Ohio, the same year. In 1905 he was elected city attorney of Niles, and was re-elected to that office in 1907. In 1908 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Trumbull County, and re-elected in 1910. Upon assuming the duties of the latter office he entered upon the practice of his profession at Warren, and in 1913 opened an office in this city, removing permanently to the county seat in 1919. As county prosecutor Mr. Gillmer made a fine record for his utter fearlessness and courage, and did much to enforce the law and maintain order during his occupancy of the office.

In 1908 Mr. Gillmer was one of the men who organized the DeForest Sheet & Steel Plate Company of Niles, and continued on the directorate until the business was sold to the Republic Iron & Steel Company in 1919. He is a director in the Union Savings & Trust Company, of Warren, and also a director in the Dollar Savings Bank Company, of Niles. For many years Mr. Gillmer was a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Niles and was chairman of the building committee when the present handsome stone church edifice was built, and he is now a member of the Warren First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a past president of the Warren Rotary Club, a member of the Niles Board of Trade, a member and attorney of the Warren Automobile Club, and a member of the Trumbull Country Club. He belongs to Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Warren Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons; Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar; Lake Erie Consistory, in which he was made a thirty-second degree Mason; and Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1900 Mr. Gillmer was united in marriage with Maud Ella Kern, a daughter of Edwin A. and Diana (Musser) Kern, of Niles, Ohio. Edwin A. Kern was one of the best known iron and steel men of the Mahoning Valley for years. Mrs. Gillmer was graduated from the Rayen High School of Youngstown, and became principal of the Latin-English department of the Niles High School. She read law with her husband and was admitted to the bar in 1916, and is in active practice with him under the firm name of "The Gillmers." She is past grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Ohio, and is a member of the Progress Club of Niles, the Niles Musical Club, and the Book Club of Warren, the latter being women's organizations. As an attorney Mrs. Gillmer measures up well with the best standards of her profession and she and Mr. Gillmer form one of the strong legal firms of the Mahoning Valley.

Fred J. Warnock. Youngstown's present mayor was for ten years before his induction into that office one of the very able attorneys of the Mahoning Valley and had become known for his all around qualifications as an able executive and clean, public spirited citizen, with the welfare of his community first in his heart and mind.

He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on a farm lying just east of New Castle, June 27, 1878. His grandfather was born in the north of Ireland and as a young lad came to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania. The father of the Youngstown mayor was Hugh H. Warnock, who was born and reared in Lawrence County. During the Civil war he ran away from home to enlist, but on account of his youth was rejected and sent home. Subsequently he located at New Castle and built up a successful business as a paint contractor, but lost his business and practically all his accumulated resources during the memorable panic of 1873. Subsequently buying a tract of land near New Castle, he followed farming until his death, in 1895, when but fifty-two years of age. He was a republican in politics, was a member of the order of Masons and the Presbyterian Church.

Hugh H. Warnock married Mary J. Rose, who was born in Western Pennsylvania in 1847 and is still living at New Castle, at the age of seventy-three.

Her father, Isaac P. Rose, was an early plainsman and trapper and as a companion of Kit Carson took part in many battles with the Indians, by whom he was wounded. Giving up life on the plains, he returned east and for forty-six years was a prominent teacher in Western Pennsylvania. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Warnock all six are now living. Harry R., who started railroading as a brakeman, is now general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Louis C., a resident of Youngstown, is an engineer on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad. The third is Fred J. George C. is a prominent physician and surgeon of Youngstown. Mabel is the wife of James Banks, an engineer with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, living at New Castle, Pennsylvania. Edwin H., the youngest, formerly with the Ingersoll-Rand Company of Pittsburg, manufacturers and dealers in compressed air tools, served during the World war in the Three Hundred and Twentieth Infantry, Eightieth Division, was wounded in the Argonne Forest, September 26, 1918, and is now with a firm in New York City as sales representative for the Northeastern Territory.

Obtaining a practical education in the Warnock School in his home district, Fred J. Warnock grew up familiar with the tools and practices of farming. Being the oldest boy at home at the time of his father's death, he remained to assist his widowed mother on the farm until entering Mount Hope College in Rogers, Ohio, where he was a student two terms. Returning home, he taught during the winter season, carried on the farm summers, at the same time advancing his knowledge by careful reading and home study. In 1904, having graduated in the classical course from Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, soon afterward he located at New Castle and employed his days as claim agent for the local department of the Street Railway Company, and at night studied law in the office of his cousin, Hon. George T. Weingartner. In 1905 Mr. Warnock came to Youngstown, read law with Theodore A. Johnston, and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1910. At that time he formed a partnership with Robert J. Nicholson, and was soon launched in an active and successful practice and handled a large business until he assumed the office of mayor on January 1, 1920.

Mr. Warnock has always stood for the clean, honest and decent in both politics and business, and after his nomination on the republican ticket for mayor in the fall of 1919 he took as his platform a decent and liberal policy of municipal government, with the parks, playgrounds and picture houses open on Sundays to an eighty-five per cent population of working people, who cannot attend such places at any other time, but, beyond that, "Woe to the Transgressor." On this platform he was elected by a handsome majority, and while his administration at the outset was involved in many extraordinary difficulties, he has handled his office both with tact and efficiency such as to justify the commendation of the best classes of citizenship.

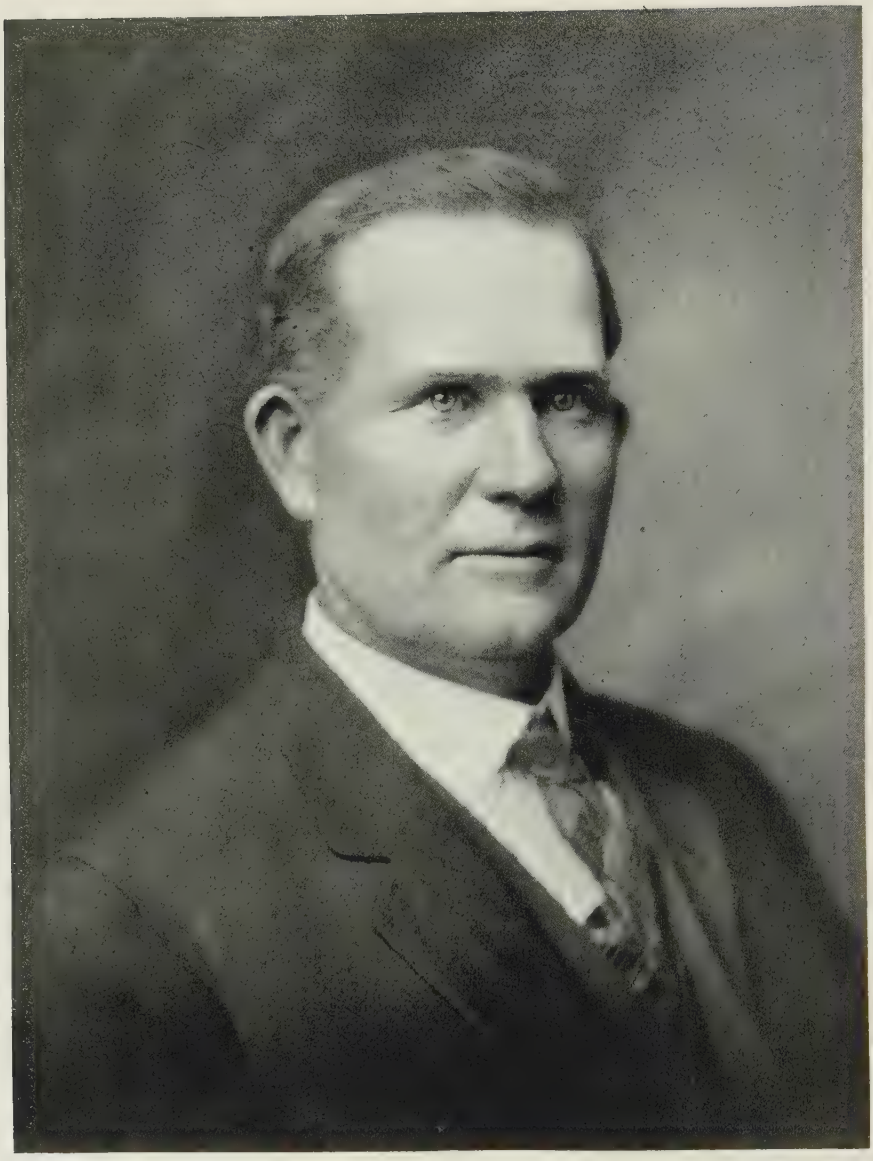
December 15, 1904, Mr. Warnock married Jean I., daughter of Robert Lawrence, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Warnock was born in Alabama, but her father was a Pennsylvanian. They have two sons, Harry L. and Fred J., Jr. Mr. Warnock is an active member of the Evergreen Presbyterian Church. His pastor, Rev. W. C. Press, who served as a chaplain with the Expeditionary Forces in France, is one of his old school mates and now his pal. Mr. Warnock is a member of all the local bodies of Masonry, being an officer in many of them, and is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and belongs to the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club.

Max Fish. A worthy representative of those citizens of foreign birth who have come to this country for the sake of securing better and more favorable opportunities for business undertakings, Max Fish has attained an honorable position in the industrial life of Youngstown, as president of the Fish Cleaning Company having built up a substantial patronage. A son of Harold and Selde Fish, he was born December 28, 1881, in Dynow, Austria.

Harold Fish, who died at his home in Dynow, Austria, in 1887, was a citizen of prominence and influence. He served for twenty-four consecutive years as mayor of Dynow, a city having a population of 12,000, being four times elected to the mayorality, each time for a term of six years. His home in that city was wiped out of existence during the World war, and his widow, now an aged woman of seventy-four years, lost all of her possessions, and in company with her sister walked, with other refugees, to Hungary, a distance of 150 miles. How she survived no one knows, but her son David, whose home is in Youngstown, is now in Europe looking after her welfare. Of the nine children born to her and her husband eight are living, three being in the United States, as follows: Max, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Freda, wife of William Klinman, of Youngstown; and David, secretary and treasurer of the Fish Cleaning Company.

Leaving home at the age of seventeen years, Max Fish proceeded to Portsmouth, England, where he learned the business with which he is now actively identified. He was there when Edward VII was made king, and witnessed his coronation. Subsequently immigrating to the United States, he saw, soon after landing in New York, a newspaper advertisement headed "Help wanted in Youngstown." Responding immediately to the call, Mr. Fish found employment in a tailoring establishment on East Federal Street, and remained with that firm until 1914, when, in partnership with his brother David, he opened his present establishment, becoming president of the Fish Cleaning Company, with David Fish as secretary and treasurer.

On March 24, 1907, Mr. Fish was united in marriage with Jennie Carnick, and they are now the parents of four children, Harold, Helen, Lawrence and Eugene. Mr. Fish has always taken an active part in religious and charitable organizations, and has served acceptably as president of the Children of Israel Congregation, and at the present time is president of the Anshe-Emeth Committee, appointed to prepare the way for the building of a temple.



Geo M Montgomery

Always a leader in charitable circles, he is vice president of the Youngstown Benefit Association, and first vice president of the Youngstown Zion District. He takes great interest in the Hebrew Free School movement.

GEORGE M. MONTGOMERY. The present county surveyor of Mahoning County, and a civil engineer whose expert services have solved many technical problems for Mahoning Valley industries and have also been utilized in the building of many good roads, is member of an historic family of the Valley.

His great-grandfather Robert Montgomery, son of a Revolutionary soldier, took up his father's profession of surveying and while fulfilling a professional engagement in Western Pennsylvania, visited Youngstown. His second journey to Ohio was about 1805, when he planned the building of a furnace on Yellow Creek. This furnace was on John Struthers' land, and the two were partners in the enterprise. The furnace was put in place about 1807 and, while the second furnace in point of time, was the first successful iron furnace in the Mahoning Valley. Robert Montgomery married the widow of John Stark Edwards, a woman of sterling worth whose name is frequently mentioned in the early history of Trumbull County. The only son of their marriage was Robert M. Montgomery, who spent his active life as a farmer near Youngstown.

The father of the Mahoning County surveyor was Lewis W. Montgomery, who was also a farmer and died at Youngstown in 1912. He married Isabelle Cubbison.

George M. Montgomery was born at Youngstown in March, 1873, was educated in public schools, the Northern Ohio College at Ada and the State University at Columbus. He took the civil engineering course and completed his college training in 1897. Since then for over twenty years he has been busily engaged in his profession. On leaving college he formed a partnership with his cousin Edwin D. Haseltine, formerly of Haseltine Brothers. The firm Edwin D. Hazeltine Brothers & Montgomery later became Hazeltine & Montgomery, and has long had an active practice in civil and mining engineering. Robert M. Hazeltine of this firm was mining inspector of the State of Ohio. Practically all the leading industries of the Mahoning Valley have employed this organization for surveying and solving of other technical problems.

George M. Montgomery was elected on the republican ticket and served from 1900 to 1910 as county surveyor, and was again elected to that office in 1918. He has also been village engineer of East Youngstown and Struthers, and has been resident engineer of the State Highway Commission since its organization. His personal services have also been given to the construction of many of the leading highways and streets of the Mahoning Valley.

The old Montgomery farm where he spent his boyhood has become an important industrial site for such plants as the Youngstown Car Manufacturing Company, Republic Iron & Steel Company and others. Mr. Montgomery's father was a Union soldier and was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Ohio Engineering Society and the Engineering Society of the Youngstown District. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. In 1897 he married Miss Ella A. Robinson, daughter of James and Elizabeth Robinson of Niles, both now deceased. They have two children: Mary, born in 1900, graduated from the Rayen School in 1919; and Robert M., born in 1902, graduated from Rayen School in 1920.

JOSEPH J. BECK, superintendent of the sheet mill of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest superintendent in point of service now in the employ of this corporation. He entered the service of the company during the first year of its existence, in 1902, and during the period which has elapsed has continued to act in his present capacity, the years having but strengthened his hold upon the confidence and esteem of the company officials and his associates.

Mr. Beck was born at Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1867, a son of Frederick and Savilla (Schreckengost) Beck, natives of the Keystone State and descendants of German ancestors. Frederick Beck was a blacksmith by trade, a vocation which he followed during the greater part of his life, and also was a man of some influence in his community, where he served in the capacity of justice of the peace for eighteen years. His death occurred in 1903, that of his worthy wife having occurred in 1902. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Joseph J. was the seventh in order of birth.

Joseph J. Beck attended the public schools of his native locality as a boy, and when only fourteen years of age started to work for himself, going to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he learned the nail-feeding trade, that business then being conducted by hand. Subsequently, with the advent of nail-making machinery, he abandoned that line to learn telegraphy, and was employed by the Erie Railroad Company at Sharon. He continued in that vocation for seven years, during the last three years of which time he acted in the capacity as chief clerk for the division freight agent at Youngstown. During this time, also, he attended night school in order to get a better education. In 1891 he went to Niles, Ohio, as telegraph operator for the Falcon Iron and Nail Company, and after two years in this position was promoted to assistant superintendent of the plant and served as such until 1900. He then was employed by the American Sheet Steel Company in a clerical capacity, under Jonathan Warner, at the office in New York City. This was but a temporary position occasioned by the Falcon Iron and Nail Company having been absorbed in a merger with the American Sheet Steel Company. After six months at New York City he was sent back to Niles as manager of the same plant of which he had been formerly assistant superintendent. This position he filled for two years, when the plant was finally dismantled, it being one of the older mills owned by the corpora-

tion. In 1902, in the first year of its operation, Mr. Beck entered the employ of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company as superintendent of the sheet mills. This position he has ever since filled, and, as noted above, is the oldest superintendent in point of service now in the employ of this corporation.

Mr. Beck is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, and is a Knight Templar York Rite Mason. He is a republican in politics and a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Youngstown.

On April 17, 1893, Mr. Beck married Miss Emma Klingensmith, a daughter of D. C. Klingensmith, at present a resident of Youngstown. To this union two sons have been born: Joseph Harold and Robert Klingensmith. The elder enlisted in the World War as a private in the United States Army Ambulance Corps and saw eleven months of active service on the Italian front.

Victor W. De Laney. During the period in which he has filled his present position of superintendent of transportation of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Victor W. De Laney has witnessed the growth of the output of this concern from 6,000 to 30,000 cars monthly. In this great increase he has played his part, and within the line of his duties has been the proper handling of this great amount of transportation, a duty that calls for clear and cool judgment, instant decision and a thorough knowledge of railroad matters.

Mr. DeLaney was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1876, a son of William and Clarissa (Kryder) DeLaney, natives of this country. His father was a farmer and lumberman who, when Civil war threatened the destruction of the Union, volunteered his services and fought all through the struggle between the North and the South as a member of Company D, First Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. During his service he participated in many hard-fought engagements and was twice wounded, but returned eventually to his home and died in Pennsylvania in 1901, his widow surviving him four years. They became the parents of thirteen children, all of whom still survive.

Victor DeLaney was reared to manhood in his native county, where he received a common school education, and at the time he attained his majority left the home place and began his independent career in the transportation service of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company, at Pittsburgh. For nine years he continued in that department, rising to the positions of conductor and yardmaster. In December, 1906, he came to Youngstown, Ohio, to become general yardmaster for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and in 1907 was made superintendent of transportation, a position which he has since filled. As noted above, since he took charge of this department the transportation has increased 500% in keeping pace with the output of the plant, and naturally Mr. DeLaney's duties have become that much extended. He has been capable of handling his increased responsibilities, however, and the work of his department is a matter for self-congratulation upon the part of the officials of the company. Mr. DeLaney is a member of the Railway Club of Pittsburgh and the Youngstown Engineers' Club, and as a fraternalist is a thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Knights Templar York Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith and that of his family is of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he takes an independent stand.

Mr. DeLaney was united in marriage in 1907, with Miss Elizabeth Tod, of Youngstown, who died in May, 1915, having borne two daughters: Sarah Tod and Elizabeth, who died in infancy.

James J. Dalzell. From the time of his active entrance upon the business arena of Youngstown, James J. Dalzell has been engaged in a variety of pursuits, all connected with the rising mercantile and commercial interests of the city, with whose growth he has been intimately related, and with whose increasing prosperity he has himself prospered. Finance and realty interests have shared his labor, while the roofing and sheet metal business has been the longest and most important of his undertakings, and at the present time he is president of the Dalzell Brothers Company.

Mr. Dalzell was born at Alliance, Ohio, September 19, 1874, a son of John L. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Dalzell. His father was born on a farm near Damascus, Ohio, but early showed an inclination for business affairs, and took a commercial course at Mount Union College, following which he and his brother James H. engaged in the roofing and sheet metal business, an enterprise with which he was identified until his death in 1912, his brother having passed away in 1875. He was one of the original prohibitionists of his district and attended Belmont Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served as a member of the official board for ten years. Mr. Dalzell was likewise a prominent Odd Fellow and belonged to Youngstown Lodge No. 403. He and his wife, who died in 1892, were the parents of seven children, of whom four survive: James J.; Samuel A., manager and vice president of the Dalzell Brothers Company; John S., of Youngstown and Los Angeles; and Theodore Paul, of Los Angeles, California.

James J. Dalzell graduated in 1894 from the Rayen High School, following which he pursued a commercial course, and in 1895 was employed by the Ohio Steel Company, in the auditing department, under J. L. Barnard, and the excellent training which he secured while associated with that gentleman has always been credited by Mr. Dalzell for a large share of the success which he has since attained. When he left the Ohio Steel Company, it was to associate himself with his father and Samuel A. Dalzell, his brother, in the roofing and sheet metal business, in 1903, and in 1907 the Dalzell Brothers Company was incorporated with a nominal capital stock, with John L. Dalzell, president; Samuel A. Dalzell, vice president; and James J. Dalzell, secretary and treasurer. In January, 1916, the company's capital stock was increased to $150,000. At the time of his father's death, James J. Dalzell succeeded to the presidency of the company, in addition to which he is chair-

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man of the board of directors. Samuel A. Dalzell is vice president and general manager of the concern, and William DuGray, superintendent of the factory, was elected to the board of directors in 1917.

Mr. Dalzell has various other interests, being vice president and a director of the Youngstown Citizens and Savings Company, which was organized in 1917, and president of the Youngstown Builders Exchange, of which his father, John L. Dalzell, was one of the founders and incorporators in 1900. Mr. Dalzell was one of the original incorporators of the local Kiwanis Club, of which he is secretary and a member of the board of trustees; is a trustee also of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and has been elected to a three-year term as trustee of the Chamber of Commerce. During the period of the World war he helped materially in floating the Third, Fourth and Victory Liberty loans, and for his splendid work in this direction was the recipient of a "Thank You" certificate from the United States Treasury Department.

On June 28, 1899, Mr. Dalzell married Miss Mame E. Macklin, of Youngstown, who prior to her marriage taught a kindergarten class at Youngstown for several years, and to this union there have come two children: Herbert V., born in 1900; and Harold LeRoy, born in 1903.

William W. Neckerman. Dealing with the careers of men who have contributed to the upbuilding and success of great enterprises is a task in which the writer finds that a large majority of the real contributing factors are individuals who have trod the hard self-made pathway to success and independence. This is in no way inapplicable to the career of William M. Neckerman, superintendent of the tube department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and a self-made man in all that the term implies.

Mr. Neckerman was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1875, a son of Martin and Christina (Knight) Neckerman. His parents, both of whom were born in Germany, were brought to this country separately, and here met and were married. After his immigration to the United States Martin Neckerman learned the trade of machinist and locksmith, which he followed for a time at Pittsburgh. He was industrious, ambitious and enterprising, and was not content to remain as a mere workman, and eventually became the chief factor in the founding of the present firm of Gloeckner & Company, furnishers of butchers' supplies. For a score or more of years Mr. Neckerman has been living in comfortable retirement, having accumulated an ample competence through his business ability, industry and good management.

One of a family of three children, and also one of twins, William M. Neckerman grew up in his native city, where his boyhood was passed much the same as other lads who grow up in a large city. He attended the public schools, did his share of baseball playing in the vacant lots, and after completing his high school term, took a short course at the University of Western Pennsylvania, where he specialized in mechanical engineering. His start in business was as an apprentice at mechanical engineering with Henry Aiken of Pittsburgh, and he continued with Mr. Aiken until 1901, at which time he was employed by the National Tube Company of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was designing engineer in the remodeling of the old tube plant. In addition, he served with this company as chief engineer of the blast furnaces and steel department, finally becoming superintendent of the rolling department. In May, 1907, Mr. Neckerman came to Youngstown, Ohio, to become chief engineer for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and in March, 1908, was made assistant superintendent of the tube department. Ten months later, in January, 1909, he was made superintendent of this department, a position which he has since filled with the greatest ability.

Mr. Neckerman is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, is a Mason as a fraternalist, and in his political actions is independent, giving his vote rather to the man than to the party. His religious belief makes him a Protestant. On February 4, 1909, Mr. Neckerman was united in marriage with Miss Florence Kieling, of Youngstown, Ohio, and they are the parents of one son, William M., Jr., who is attending the Youngstown public schools.

Emil F. Vogel. Probably no man in the Youngstown district has a more comprehensive, practical knowledge of the coke industry than Emil F. Vogel, superintendent of the coke plant of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. Mr. Vogel has been a worker and student in coke beginning with the comparatively crude processes of twenty years ago until the present.

He was born at Boston, Massachusetts, February 8, 1879, son of Herman and Josephine (Albrecht) Vogel, the former a native of Saxony and the latter of Alsace. Herman Vogel was an artist of no mean distinction. During the Civil war he did considerable work for the Smithsonian Institution. Later his art was largely confined to portrait work. He died in March, 1918, being survived by his widow.

Emil F. was the second in a family of five children and the oldest now living. He received a thorough literary and scientific education at Boston, graduating from the Lewis Grammar School at Roxbury, the Mechanic Arts High School of Boston, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From the latter institution he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1900, having specialized in civil engineering. For two summers of his college career he was employed by the city engineering department of Boston. Then for three years after leaving the Institute he was draftsman in mechanical and structural drafting, first with the Case Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio, then with the Wellman, Seaver, Morgan Company of Cleveland, and last with the Treadwell Manufacturing Company at Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The Lackawanna Steel Company of Buffalo employed his technical services for nearly thirteen years. For a little over two years he was construction engineer, and then went into the by-products coke plant, where he rose to the position of assistant superintendent and master mechanic. It was at Buffalo that he acquired his

broad and authoritative knowledge of coke as one of the greatest essentials in the modern industry. Mr. Vogel was assistant superintendent of the coke plant of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company from April 30, 1916, to June 1, 1920, when he was made superintendent.

He is a member of the Engineers' Club of Youngstown, the Chamber of Commerce and is a Knight Templar Mason, also a member of the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine of Buffalo, New York.

William J. Wallis. A gentleman who, coming to Youngstown after he had reached his fiftieth year, and mingling in its busy life for sixteen years more, is still among her active business men, giving daily attention to the management of a great corporation of which he is the executive head. Most men who have reached their sixty-sixth year, especially if fortune has crowned their life's labor, feel like retiring from the strife and enjoying the ease and dignity which they have earned. Not so Mr. Wallis. With intellect unclouded and strength unabated, he goes about his daily round of affairs as in the days when struggle seemed to be a necessity. It is an inheritance from a vigorous ancestry, strengthened by a life of activity and healthful labor.

Mr. Wallis was born at Girard, Ohio, August 8, 1854, a son of Richard T. and Mary (Toulium) Wallis, natives of Bridgeport, England, who came to the United States in 1851 and settled at Youngstown where they had been preceded by a relative, John Squire. In 1853 they removed to Girard, where Richard T. Wallis engaged in shoemaking until his death. He and his worthy wife were the parents of three children: Charles J., who is a blacksmith at Girard; Jennie E., whose home is at Youngstown; and William J.

William J. Wallis attended the Girard school until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he entered the Girard Stove Works. There he learned the trade of molder and remained until 1889, when he went into business on his own account as the proprietor of a foundry and a manufacturer of mill castings. His first venture was a necessarily small one, as he was possessed of but a modest capital, but in 1891 the scope of his operations was increased through the forming of a partnership with Frank A. Williams, the business then becoming known as the Wallis Foundry Company. In 1893 Mr. Wallis founded and organized the Girard Stove and Foundry Works, a reorganization of the same business for which he had worked in his youth, and was made general manager, Henry B. Shields being president. The firm continued at Girard until 1904, when the plants were moved to Youngstown, and here bought the John Miller Foundry, the entire interests being reorganized as the Youngstown Foundry and Machine Company. Mr. Wallis was at first general manager of this concern, which later bought out the Youngstown Steel Castings Company, but in 1907 succeeded to the presidency, replacing the first president, Thomas Parrock. F. A. Williams is now vice president and manager of sales, and Bertram G. Parker is secretary and treasurer. The growth and development of this business have been wonderful, and a large measure of the concern's prosperity is directly traceable to Mr. Wallis' wise and progressive management. His religious connection is with the First Unitarian Church.

Mr. Wallis was married in 1876 to Anna S. Jenkins, of Youngstown, who passed away in April, 1920, and to this union there have been born eight children: Mary A., who died in 1917; Elizabeth, a teacher in the Rayen High School; Lloyd R., superintendent of the roll shop of the Youngstown Foundry and Machine Company; Mrs. Nellie (Wallis) Leet, of Lakewood, Ohio; William C., who is assistant superintendent of the blast furnace department of the Briar Hill Steel Company; Harry T., a salesman for the Trussed Concrete Steel Company; Isabel, who is attending Smith College; and John F., a student at the Rayen High School.

James Ward Wagstaff has been doing construction work for iron mills and other factories in Ohio more than thirty years, and as superintendent of labor and construction of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company enjoys a place of high responsibility and enviable esteem.

Mr. Wagstaff was born at Niles, Ohio, July 24, 1864. His parents, John and Margaret (James) Wagstaff, were born and married in Wales and about 1848 came to this country, locating at Niles, where John Wagstaff followed his trade as a brick layer. He did a great deal of work for James Ward, and as a mark of esteem for his employer gave his name to one of his sons. He and his wife spent the rest of their days at Niles.

James Ward Wagstaff grew up at Niles, had a public school education, and at the age of sixteen began learning the brick layer's trade with an older brother. Brick laying was the special skill and trade on which he built his larger profession and activities in construction lines. In 1888 he helped construct the steel mill at New Philadelphia, Ohio, owned by James Ward, his namesake. Until 1891 he lived there, and then went to work for James A. Campbell at Warren. Mr. Campbell was then superintendent of a rolling mill at Warren. In 1893 he removed to Cambridge, Ohio, and built the tin mills for the Morton Tin Plate Company. Mr. Wagstaff came to Youngstown, September 6, 1895, and was employed by the Mahoning Valley Iron Works as boss brick layer under his old employer, Mr. Campbell, who in the meantime had become superintendent of the Valley Mills. He went with Mr. Campbell in 1898 to the Republic Iron & Steel Company, again in the capacity of boss brick layer. His last change of employment occurred January 1, 1901, when he went with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, again under Mr. Campbell, who is now president of that great corporation. He began as boss brick layer, became superintendent of construction in 1906, and since 1912 has been superintendent of labor and construction.

Mr. Wagstaff is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Poland Country Club, and in politics is a republican. He married Miss Minnie Uhleman, of New Philadelphia, Ohio. Their two daughters are Gertrude, wife of Earl McBride, of Youngstown, and Margaret, Mrs. William Holzworth.

Wm J Hallis

James M. Woltz is safety director of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. His office is a comparatively new one not only with this corporation, but with other great industries, and is one demanded by modern industrial evolution and for the performance of its duties requires especial qualifications that no doubt in the near future will be the basis for the development of a distinctive new profession, one which will play a vital part in industrial relations and industrial efficiency.

In that now necessarily small body of experts on safety appliances, methods and regulations, James M. Woltz is regarded not only at Youngstown but by state and national governments as a first rate authority. Mr. Woltz is a member of a prominent family of Ohio pioneers.

His first American ancestor was Peter Woltz, who was born at Weimar, Germany, in 1746. He married in his native land, where some of his children were born, and about 1785 came to this country and lived at Hagerstown, Maryland. His son, Jesse Woltz, was born at Hagerstown, December 15, 1792, and married Elizabeth Canode. During the War of 1812 he served in Captain Stonebreaker's Company of Maryland Militia. About the close of the war, in 1816, he moved his family in ox carts overland to Lancaster, Ohio, where he followed the cabinet maker's trade, and later moved to a farm near Star City in Pulaski county, Indiana, where he died March 17, 1839. James M. Woltz, a son of this Ohio pioneer, was born December 14, 1819, at Lancaster, and in August, 1839, became a resident of Chillicothe, Ohio. He married in that city Margaret Shepherd. He was also a cabinet maker, and later developed a business as a contractor at Chillicothe. During the early forties he was captain of Company 4 in the Third Regiment, First Brigade, 16th Division of the Ohio Militia. He died at Chillicothe.

His third son was Jesse McDowell Woltz, who was born March 15, 1848. Though very young, he became a private in the 11th Independent Battery of Light Artillery, and in 1864 was transferred to the 5th Battery. He married Mary Chapman, of an old Virginia family. He was also a cabinet maker by trade, and afterward engaged in the undertaking business with his father. He and his wife are still living and are the parents of two children, James M., the subject of this article, and Clara, who is unmarried.

James M. Woltz was born at Chillicothe, son of Jesse M. Woltz, on October 13, 1870, and was reared in his native city. He is a graduate of the high school there and spent two years in the old Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. He left college at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, and served as a second lieutenant, batallion adjutant, of the 7th Ohio Volunteers. At the time of his discharge he was serving as regimental adjutant. He had previously served several years in the National Guard. In May, 1899, Mr. Woltz was appointed an inspector in the United States Postal Service, a work which engaged him for many years, until July, 1913. At that date the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, in search of a man of his experience and qualifications, installed him as safety director for the corporation.

Mr. Woltz was a special investigator for the Federal government for a number of years, his work requiring his presence in a number of large industrial centers. In 1913 he became a member of the National Safety Council, in which he is a director and member of the exccutive committee. He also belongs to the Society of Ohio Safety Engineers, and for the last two years has served as president.

Mr. Woltz is a member of the General Advisory Committee of the Ohio Industrial Commission. This commission is composed of sixteen members, eight representing manufacturers or employers and eight organized labor. Since January, 1918, Mr. Woltz has been a consultant of the bureau of standards of the Department of Commerce, assisting the efforts of the Department to standardize various state industrial codes.

Mr. Woltz has served on the Safety and Military Committees of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. He is a Knight Templar Mason. June 25, 1904, he married Mattie Brooks Smith, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, daughter of Charles Brooks and Margaret Parkinson (Devore) Smith.

Henry E. Moyer has been continuously associated with one of the plants now under the corporate management of the Brier Hill Steel Company for a quarter of a century. Mr. Moyer has achieved a distinct success in the field of chemical engineering. He is now the chief chemist of the Brier Hill Steel Company.

His family were pioneers in eastern Ohio, were also colonial settlers in America, and the ancestry goes back to an original home in Switzerland where the name was spelled Meyer. The Moyers or Meyers were converts to the Mennonite faith, and on account of religious persecution some of them emigrated from Switzerland to Holland and thence to America in 1741. They lived in eastern Pennsylvania for several generations.

John Moyer, grandfather of Henry E., was a blacksmith by trade. With his brother Abraham, who was a farmer, he walked from Bucks county, Pennsylvania, to Columbiana county, Ohio. At that time the wilderness still held sway over much of this section of Ohio. While Abraham turned his attention to the cultivation of the soil, John continued to work at his trade and made it a means of useful service to the pioneer community. John Moyer married Barbara Nold (originally Noldt), and of their eight children one was Jacob N. Moyer.

Jacob N. Moyer likewise followed mechanical pursuits, being a skillful carpenter. He married Mary Ann Bixler, and both of them were life-long and devout worshipers in the Mennonite faith.

Henry E. Moyer, one of their two children, was born at Leetonia, Columbiana county, December 12, 1865. As a boy at Leetonia he attended the grammar and high schools. He also acquired considerable skill as a carpenter under his father. By teaching an occasional term of school and working at his trade in other seasons he accumulated the means that put him through the Ohio State University at Columbus. He was graduated in 1893 with the degree Bachelor of Science, in chemistry. Two months before graduating he had accepted the post of chem-

ist for the Virginia Iron and Railway Company at Goshen, Virginia. However, that was a period of great industrial depression, and for a time he found it difficult to secure recognition for his profession as a chemist. He paid his way by work at his trade with his father. Later he became chemist for Corrigan, McKinney and Company, operating the Douglas and Sharpsville furnaces in western Pennsylvania. He was with that concern about eight months, and for a similar period was chemist to W. C. Runyon, operating the Hall furnace between Sharon and Sharpsville.

It was in August, 1897, that Mr. Moyer was made chemist for the Youngstown Steel Company. He remained with it until the business and plant were absorbed by the Brier Hill Steel Company, so that his services may be considered as continuous with the same industry for over twenty years. Since the first months he has been chief chemist. Twenty years ago the laboratory force comprised only three or four men. The laboratory is now one of the important departments of the Brier Hill Steel Company, with a personnel of about forty-five. During the past six years there has never been a minute, day or night, Sundays or holidays, when the laboratory has not been in close touch with the operating departments of the mill.

Mr. Moyer is a member of the local Engineers' Club, the American Society for Testing Materials, and is a Lodge, Chapter and Council degree Mason. He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. September 28, 1899, he married Clara May Cutler, of Columbus, a relative of the well-known Willis family of Ohio.

Samuel A. Pfau, distributor for the Paige automobile at Youngstown for Ohio except Cincinnati and for the western part of Pennsylvania, has occupied a conspicuous position among the business men of this city for a number of years, having been equally well known in the automobile industry and in the field of real estate. Coming to Youngstown in 1883, at a time when the little community was entering upon a period of most remarkable growth in numbers and expansion of business, he has taken a hand in her busy life, and has grown in fortune and business experience.

Mr. Pfau was born March 23, 1864, at New Springfield, Ohio, a son of John and Rebecca (Smith) Pfau, the latter a native of Unity Township, Columbiana County, Ohio. John Pfau was born at Lykens, Ohio, and as a youth came to New Springfield, where he learned the trade of blacksmith and followed that vocation until he had accumulated sufficient capital with which to purchase a farm. There he passed his life as one of the most highly esteemed men of his community. Mr. Pfau belonged to a family the forefathers of which had been among the expatriates of the Lutheran Church of Germany, under Frederick the Great, and was himself a pioneer organizer of the Lutheran Church at New Springfield, in addition to which he had much to do in the establishment of churches of the same faith in nearby towns.

Samuel A. Pfau was educated in the public schools of New Springfield, and at the age of seventeen years left the home farm and attached himself to his brother, the late Solomon Pfau, who was the pioneer buggy manufacturer of that community and of the Mahoning Valley. After the death of his brother, in 1883, he came to Youngstown and joined the Youngstown Carriage and Wagon Company, as a factory workman, but in 1889 transferred his services to a newly-moved firm from Fredonia, the Fredonia Manufacturing Company. He became a foreman in the blacksmithing department, and later was made superintendent, a capacity in which he served from 1890 to 1902. While he acted in that position, Mr. Pfau superintended the building of the first automobile built in Ohio, known as the Fredonia Noiseless Car. F. L. Thomas was general manager of the concern and Mr. Pfau had an interest in the automobile venture, but this did not bring the expected successful results.

The buggy business was already on the wane, the trade already feeling the encroachment of the coming great automobile industry, and Mr. Pfau, whose health was not of the best, and who did not feel like having the responsibility of seventy-five workmen, decided to seek a change and enter the real estate and insurance business. Accordingly he adopted these lines in 1902 and so successful was he that within the short space of three years he had built up such an extensive business that it was imperative that he have a partner to relieve him of some of his cares. Accordingly, in 1905, he admitted William V. Faunce to partnership, and for four years the real estate and insurance business continued to have Mr. Pfau's sole attention. In 1907 the partners incorporated the Pfau & Faunce Realty Company, for the purpose of platting and developing subdivisions. and among these may be mentioned the Richview plat, formerly a fifty-acre farm; the Windermere plat, now comprising Broadway and Wick Avenue; the Fithian farm, now Poland Avenue, and many others. Mr. Pfau has built many homes and downtown business properties, and has contributed materially in this way to the upbuilding and development of the city.

In 1909 the partners took over the distribution of the Ford automobile at Youngstown, and at the end of two years found this end the predominant part of their business, so that they were forced to give up their operations in realty. In 1911 they secured the distribution of the Paige car, for which they are now Youngstown agents. With Mr. Faunce and A. E. Reinmand, Mr. Pfau was one of the organizers of the Central Savings and Loan Company of which he was treasurer, and this concern was later reorganized, at which time Mr. Pfau became vice president of the new concern, the Central Bank and Trust Company. He is a republican in politics, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Lake Erie Consistory and Youngstown Commandery, and is also a Shriner of Cleveland. He has given little attention to anything outside of what he has considered his legitimate sphere of action, and has sought no distinction other than that resulting from a successful and honorable conduct of his business enterprises.

S. A. Olsen

Quietly and unostentatiously he has worked his way from the laborer's bench to a place among the leading business men of his city and has impressed his individuality upon the enterprises with which his name has been linked.

Mr. Pfau was married December 23, 1888, to Lilla A. Schiller, of North Lima, Ohio, and to this union there have been born three sons: William Edward, an attorney of Youngstown, who married Isabel Young, daughter of Judge Stevens of Norwalk, Ohio, and has one son, William Edward, Jr.; Howard L., a graduate of Western Reserve College, in chemistry, 1916, who took post-graduate work in New York, and is now flour chemist for the W. P. Tanner Gross Company, of New York; and Bertrand, who is still attending school.

JOHN H. KREHL. While his own active career has been associated almost entirely with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, beginning sixteen years ago, Mr. Krehl is member of a noted family in the industrial affairs of Girard, Ohio, where he still keeps his residence.

Mr. Krehl, who is general master mechanic of the great Youngstown plant of the Sheet and Tube Company, was born at Girard, December 12, 1881. His grandfather, Frederick Krehl, came from Germany with his parents when twelve years of age, and learned the tanner's trade at Canfield, the old county seat of Mahoning County. During the fifties he established a tannery at Girard, and for over sixty years has been a resident of that town. He is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Jacob C. Krehl, father of John H., was also born at Girard, learned the tanning business, succeeded his father in that industry, and was active in it for many years, though he is now retired.

John H. Krehl attended the public schools of Girard, and learned the tanner's trade under his father and grandfather. He came to Youngstown to serve an apprenticeship as a machinist with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. He soon recognized the necessity of a better theoretical training, and supplemented his practical work in the shop with a course in the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton. It was his intention, his apprenticeship completed, to return to the tannery at Girard. This plan was frustrated by the burning of the plant in 1894.

As a result he has remained ever since with the Lutheran Church at Girard, also of Mahoning Lodge chinist's apprentice he was the first boy in the shop to receive ten cents an hour. Since then he has successively filled the positions of assistant shop foreman, shop foreman, general foreman of all shops, and since September, 1917, has been general master mechanic.

Mr. Krehl is a member of the Trinity English Lutheran Church at Girard, also of Mahoning Lodge No. 394, Free and Accepted Masons, Youngstown Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons, Youngstown Commandery, Knights Templar, Hiram Lodge of Perfection of Youngstown and Lake Erie Consistory thirty-second degree and Al-Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, Ohio. On July 12, 1906, he married Blanche Lois Powers, of Girard, daughter of Milton and Mary (Rush) Powers. Mrs. Krehl died May 22, 1915, the mother of two children, Charles Powers and Ruth Lois. August 9, 1917, Mr. Krehl married Margaret Reese, of Girard, daughter of David and Mary (Evans) Reese.

LAWRENCE J. HESS is a graduate electrical engineer and since the fall of 1917 has been chief electrician for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. Even as a schoolboy his interest was attracted to the electrical engineering profession, and his training was acquired from the best practical as well as technical sources.

Mr. Hess was born in Evanston, Illinois, April 24, 1886, son of Jere M. and Mary Elizabeth (Stevens) Hess, also natives of Illinois and the latter still living. His mother's family traces its genealogy in an almost unbroken line to the second shipload of immigrants following the Mayflower. Jere Hess was a broker on the Corn Exchange of Chicago.

An only child, Lawrence J. Hess, grew up in his native city and is a graduate of the Evanston High School. During vacations he put in considerable time as a sub-foreman in the private branch exchange department of the Western Electric Company. His real business career began as an armature winder in the Joliet works of the Illinois Steel Company, and he was finally promoted to the duties of assistant chief electrician for that corporation. In the meantime he had pursued the technical course of the University of Illinois, and graduated with the Electrical Engineer degree in 1908. Mr. Hess came to Youngstown as chief electrician for the Sheet and Tube Company in September, 1917.

He is a member of the American Association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers, also of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity. September 25, 1918, he married Miss Beulah M. Armacost, of Delavan, Illinois, daughter of Daniel N. Armacost. Their son, Lawrence J., Jr., was born September 2, 1919.

CHARLES H. GUY, chief inspector of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, joined that corporation in the spring of 1914 as assistant chief inspector. A few months later and continuing until the close of the World war his duties were almost entirely concerned with the company's contracts for war steel. For the remarkable record of the corporation in this field much of the credit was due to his department. On May 15, 1919, Mr. Guy became chief inspector.

A native of Ohio, he was born at Dayton, January 4, 1873, son of John and Janet (Alexander) Guy. His father was a native of Beith, Scotland, and his mother of London, England. They were married in Great Britain, came to the United States in the late fifties, and both are now deceased. John Guy for many years was a merchant in Ohio.

With a grammar and high school education, Charles H. Guy at the age of eighteen went West to Colorado and was employed by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, for several years as secretary to C. S. Robinson, then the general manager, and his successor. While in the West he laid the founda-

tion of the expert knowledge he has since acquired in the steel business.

Mr. Guy has been a resident of Youngstown since 1914, and is one of its thoroughly public spirited citizens. He is a member of the Youngstown Engineering Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Club and the Elks.

Henry Niedermeier. Youngstown was not much of a city, with a population of only 8,500, when Henry Niedermeier began his career as a building contractor in 1881. As the city grew in power and population, so likewise were his activities and talents adapted to the increasing service demanded of him in a business capacity, and there was little relaxation in his business cares and responsibilities until his career came to an end. He was looked upon as a veteran in his local profession and business, and for that reason and his character as a good citizen he enjoyed a peculiar degree of esteem, and many tributes were paid his memory at the time of his death on June 19, 1920. A number of Youngstown's younger contractors received their training under Mr. Niedermeier. His chief work was in stone and brick.

It would be impossible to draw up anything like a representative list of the work he has done in this locality. Some of the more notable examples are the Market Street bridge, the South Side bridge, the Mahoning Avenue bridge, the first eight stories of the Stambaugh Building, the Hollingsworth Building, the Wick Building, the Mahoning National Bank Building, and many other business structures, schools, churches and residences. Some of the schools are the Hillman Street, Delason Avenue, Washington and Lincoln schools. He was also the constructor for the St. John's Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church at Lockridge and Wick Avenue, the United Presbyterian Church at Wood Street and Champion, the United Presbyterian Church on Wilson Avenue.

Mr. Niedermeier was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, February 8, 1848, son of William and Louise Niedermeier. His father was a German farmer. Henry Niedermeier after acquiring his education in the common schools and at the age of eighteen, in 1866, left Germany and came to the United States. While at Hermann in Gasconade County, Missouri, he learned the business of building wine cellars. Two of his brothers were soldiers of the Franco-Prussian war. One of them was killed and for that reason Henry Niedermeier went back to his parents in 1871. He remained about a year and in 1872 again came to America. Locating at Cleveland, on account of lack of funds he resumed work at his trade and later in the same year came to Youngstown. He was therefore a resident of Youngstown more than forty-five years and by the length of residence, his work and other attainments had earned the right to be considered one of the most substantial and public spirited citizens as well as most active business men.

Mr. Niedermeier was one of the founders of the Builders Exchange in Youngstown and at one time served as its president. He was a republican in politics and was affiliated with the Western Star Lodge of Masons and with the Order of Elks. His family are members of the German Reformed Church on Wood Street.

In 1879 Mr. Niedermeier married Martha Heller, a sister of Louis and Adolph Heller and a daughter of the late Nicholas and Frederica (Bofeld) Heller. Mrs. Niedermeier was born in Switzerland and she and her husband were happily married for forty years. In that time six children were born into their home. The son Henry was a contractor and died at the age of thirty-two. William was associated with his father and died in 1917 at the age of thirty. The daughter Hilda died at the age of seven. The three living children are: Louis, who was associated with his father in the contracting business and lives at 1519 Covington Street; Clara, who is the wife of John Werden of Youngstown; and Dorothy, living at home with her mother.

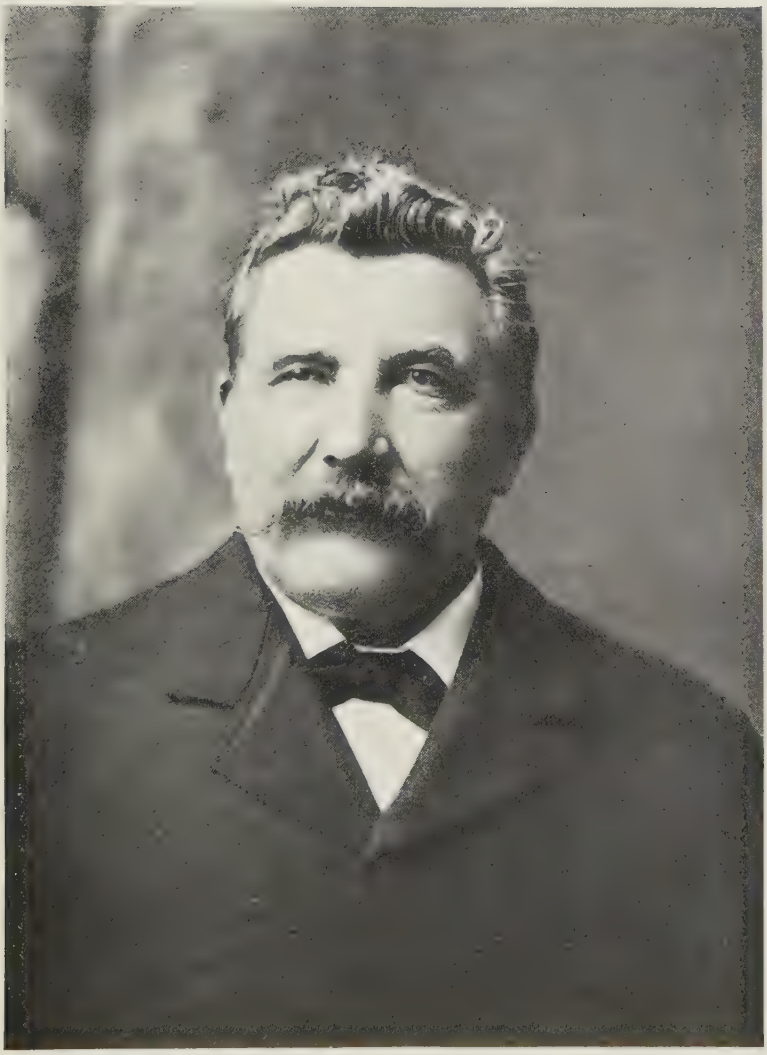
Gustav A. Reinhardt, who has served the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company for the past seven years as metallurgist, is a chemical and metallurgical engineer of long training and varied experience, and has spent the greater part of his lifetime in Ohio.

He was born at New Washington, Ohio, April 22, 1881, son of Louis and Barbara (Metzger) Reinhardt. His parents were both born in Bavaria. Louis Reinhardt came to the United States before reaching his majority, and after naturalization returned to the old country to marry. He brought his bride to America, and for a number of years lived at New Washington, Ohio, where he was a lumber dealer. His widow is still living.

Gustav A. Reinhardt was one of three children and was about seven years of age when his parents moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Besides the advantages of the public schools of that city he attended the Case School of Applied Science, and after his technical education spent six months as chemist for the Dominion Iron and Steel Company at Sydney, Nova Scotia. He was also employed six months at the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown, for one year was chief chemist for the Salem Iron Company at Leetonia, for two years chief chemist of the Cleveland Furnace Company at Cleveland, and for two years was chief chemist with Crowell & Murray of Cleveland. Following that Mr. Reinhardt spent one year as a student and assistant instructor in metallurgy in the School of Applied Science of Harvard University. Since 1913 he has been connected with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company as metallurgist.

He is a member of various technical societies, including the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Society for Testing Materials, the American Gas Association, the American Iron & Steel Institute, and the Institute of Metals. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church. June 20, 1917, he married Miss Emma J. Parmater, of Cleveland, but a native of Caro, Michigan.

Robert W. Ewalt, chief statistician of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, has been connected with this corporation since July 1, 1902. He belongs to that class of men who owe their success in life to what they themselves have accom-



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in his father's printing establishment. His life up to manhood was spent in various occupations, a part of this time being passed as an employe of the Bryant nurseries. Following this he entered the employ of the Western Tube Company at Kewanee, Illinois, as previously noted. He there began as a time-keeper, but eventually worked his way to where he had charge of the order department. For two years after this he was employed in similar work at Zanesville, Ohio, and from there came to Youngstown to accept his present position. Mr. Streeter is a member of the Poland Country Club, is a thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Knight Templar York Rite Mason, and belongs to the Mystic Shrine.

On September 5, 1895, Mr. Streeter married Miss Harriet Douglas of Kewanee, Illinois, and they are the parents of one daughter, Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Streeter are valued and popular members of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Henry Weddell Heedy. A resident of Youngstown since November 1, 1880, Henry Weddell Heedy has been prominently identified with the business growth and development of the city, where his connections have been and are at present important and numerous. He was born December 13, 1851, at Cleveland, Ohio, a son of Michael and Mary (Glen) Heedy, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of the United States. Michael Heedy was born in 1814, and when a lad of sixteen years left his native land, immigrated to the United States, and here passed the remainder of his life, dying in December, 1888.

Henry W. Heedy was one of five children born to his parents who grew to maturity. His boyhood days were passed in his native city, where he attended the public schools, and early in life began working for himself, although still residing under the parental roof. At fifteen years of age he was employed as clerk, collector and general utility man by the old Wason, Everett & Company banking concern, and afterwards by its successor, Everett, Weddell & Company, both of Cleveland. After six years, he went to Lapeer, Michigan, where he was employed as bookkeeper in the banking house of R. G. Hart & Company, and remained there two years, then going to Niles, Ohio, where for eighteen months he was bookkeeper for the Niles Iron Company. When the mill was closed, he went back to Cleveland, but in 1880 returned to Niles as bookkeeper again for the Niles Iron Company, which had resumed operations. In 1881 this concern removed to Haselton, Ohio, and opened operations there along the side of the Andrews Brothers blast furnaces, and, as the Andrews brothers were the principal owners of the Niles Iron Company, the operations of this concern were merged with the blast furnace and the whole plant was operated under the name of Andrews Brothers & Company. Mr. Heedy came with the concern to Haselton and was placed in charge of the office and books of the company. In 1892 the concern was incorporated as The Andrews Brothers Company, and of this Mr. Heedy became secretary and assistant treasurer, afterwards becoming treasurer of the corporation and still retaining the office of secretary. He continued to thus officiate until 1899, when the property interests were sold to the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and remained as local treasurer of the new concern for over a year.

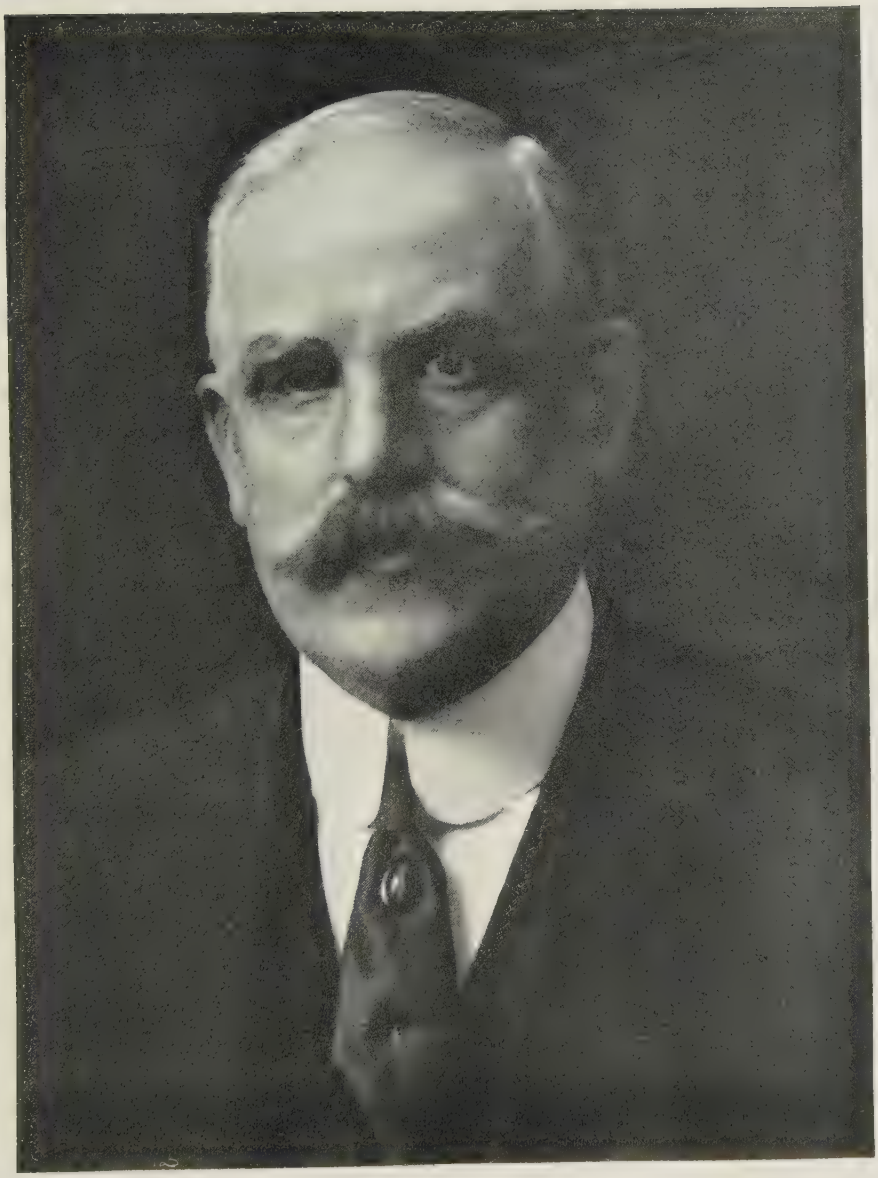
In 1901 Mr. Heedy became associated with the Andrews & Hitchcock Company in operating blast furnaces at Hubbard, Ohio. He officiated as secretary and treasurer of this corporation until March, 1916, when it was sold to the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. With the latter concern he continued about a year, closing out all matters pertaining to the interests of the Andrews & Hitchcock Iron Company, which corporation was then dissolved. In the meantime, Mr. Heedy had become connected with a number of other enterprises. He was one of the original stockholders and directors of the Youngstown Iron and Steel Roofing Company, which later became the Youngstown Iron and Steel Company. This corporation, in 1917, was sold to the Sharon Steel Hoop Company. After the dissolution of the Andrews & Hitchcock Iron Company, Mr. Heedy became interested in the Lake Erie Limestone Company and in the Union Limestone Company, and of both of these concerns Mr. Heedy is now general manager, in addition being president of the former. He is likewise a director of the G. M. McKelvey Company, the Commercial National Bank and the Cleveland Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Heedy is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Country Club and the Youngstown Club, and of the DuQuesne Club of Pittsburgh. In religion he is an Episcopalian; in politics, a republican.

On January 26, 1887, Mr. Heedy was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Shook, daughter of Calvin and Julia (Stambaugh) Shook, of Youngstown, Ohio, and to this union there have been born two children: Henry Glen and Horace S., the latter of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Heedy died October 4, 1906, at Edinboro, Scotland. Her remains were brought to Youngstown and now rest in Bemont Cemetery.

Leo J. Collier. To Leo J. Collier is due the chief credit for making the high merits of the Buick automobile known and appreciated by the hundreds of Buick owners in the Mahoning Valley. Mr. Collier has been a Buick representative for a number of years, and is president and manager of the Mahoning Buick Company.

He was born at Uniontown, in the Coke district of Pennsylvania, February 15, 1882, and lived there until after reaching his majority. He had a public school education and as a young man showed special talents for business. For about eight years he lived at New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he also acted as agent for the Buick automobile. Coming to Youngstown in 1912, he was associated with his father-in-law, Milton E. Coombs, and established a local agency for the Buick cars. The first year they sold twenty-two cars. In 1914 Mr. Collier bought out the interests of Mr. Coombs and then organized the Mahoning Buick Company, of which he is the active head. During 1913 the company sold



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69 cars, 160 in 1915, 193 in 1916, and 1917 349. In 1917 the company also became agents for the White truck and their business for that year also included sixty truck sales. The splendid record could not be kept up progressively during 1918, owing to the general inability to get cars from the factory to fill orders. However, the company sold 102 Buicks and 40 trucks. The business for 1919 has surpassed all previous years both in number and volume of sales.

Mr. Collier is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Club, the Poland Country Club, and is vice president of the Youngstown Automobile Dealers Association. He enjoys the confidence of Youngstown business men, and is known as a young man who makes his word good in every particular. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland.

Mr. Collier's parents were James Seaton and Cornelia A. (Brown) Collier. His grandfather was a native of Scotland. Mr. Collier married Miss Angelyn Coombs on September 22, 1910.

NATHANIEL E. BROWN. While one of the younger officials of the Republic Rubber Corporation, Nathaniel E. Brown has some of the most responsible duties in connection wtih the technical departments, being superintendent of the mill division. Mr. Brown went to work at the age of fourteen, and has earned his promotion largely through the native force of his character and industrial ability, though at different times he has also come in contact for brief intervals with technical schools.

He was born at Youngstown, November 30, 1887, and is a member of an old and honored family of the Mahoning Valley. His parents were John W. and Clara (Montgomery) Brown, and his grandfathers were Nathaniel E. Brown and James Montgomery. Both his father and grandfather were actively interested in the iron business of the Mahoning Valley. John W. Brown who for a time was cashier of the Brown-Bonnell Iron Plant was also well known in public affairs and was elected and served as county treasurer. He was holding that office at the time of his death in 1893. His widow is still living and makes her home in Youngstown.

Nathaniel E. Brown was only six years of age when his father died. He acquired a public school education and at fourteen began work to contribute to the support of the family. His mother at the same time helped by teaching school. For a time he was in the electrical department of the Ohio plant of the Carnegie Steel Company and after two years was employed in electrical work with the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company. He remained with that establishment two years, and for about a year was employed in similar lines by the William B. Pollock Company, and for eighteen months was in the meter department of the old Youngstown Consolidated Company.

In the meantime he had done what he could to better his education. He spent several months in the Mount Herman Preparatory School in Massachusetts, and for one brief term also attended the Carnegie School of Technology at Pittsburg.

Mr. Brown has been continuously associated with the Republic Rubber Corporation of Youngstown since June, 1909 when he went into its laboratory. Later he became department manager of the mill department and since 1917 has been division superintendent of all preparing departments. He is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

September 25, 1912, he married Miss Edith Resch. They have two sons, Nathaniel E., Jr., and Richard Montgomery.

RALPH W. YENGLING, the superintendent of the Youngstown Hospital, is a pharmacist by profession, and was advanced to his present responsibilities on the merit of his service to the institution in other capacities.

Mr. Yengling was born in Salem, Ohio, in 1889, son of Homer and Minnie (Walker) Yengling. The mother died in December, 1919. The father, who resides in Salem, is a contractor. Ralph Yengling's brother Carl is production superintendent in the Silver Manufacturing Company of Salem, makers of farm implements.

Ralph W. Yengling was educated in the grammar and high schools of Salem, and attended the Ohio State University, where he graduated in the Pharmacy Department in 1911. Prior to going to the University he was with the Bennett Pharmacy at Salem, and after graduating had periods of employment with the Dingham Pharmacy at Columbus the Ermon Pharmacy at Newark, and the Averbeck Drug Company of Youngstown.

He entered the Youngstown Hospital as a pharmacist and in 1918 was promoted to assistant superintendent. He became superintendent upon the death of Mr. Bunn. Mr. Yengling married Miss Helen Fillmore in 1913. She is a daughter of Harry L. Fillmore, of Columbus.

EMMANUEL KATZMAN. An active, industrious, and enterprising young man, full of the push and energy that command success in any undertaking, Emmanuel Katzman holds an assured position among the prosperous contractors and builders of Youngstown, and with his father, Max Katzman, has erected many of the city's fine residences and public buildings. He was born in 1897 in Poland Russia, where his childhood days were spent.

Max Katzman was born and reared in Poland, Russia, and there married. Learning the carpenter's trade when young, he became prominent as a builder, and on one estate erected extensive buildings that required a period of fourteen years to complete, he having worked in the great forests during the long winter seasons, employing from 200 to 300 men in getting out the necessary timbers and sawing them into lumber. The oppression and unrest among the Jews became so great that in 1905 he immigrated to the United States. He had received very limited educational advantages in his native land, but had received military training in the Russian Army, and subsequently, through sheer force of character and perseverance, had acquired much practical knowledge. Locating first in New York, he secured work by the day, but finding that he had relatives in Youngstown he made his way to this city and found work on the new courthouse, and when he had saved

a sufficient sum from his daily wages sent back to Russia for his family. He had then saved $180.00, which was soon spent for rent and household supplies. He has since accumulated a good property, owning many pieces of valuable real estate in the city. Max Katzman is still actively engaged in contracting and building, being a vigorous man of fifty-four years, while his wife, Sophia Katzman is fifty years of age.

A lad of eight summers or more when he came to Youngstown, Emmanuel Katzman attended the Wood Street School and being an unusually clever student made six grades in one year. When very young he began assisting his father, but continued the studies of the higher grades under private tutors and also took special instruction at the Young Men's Christian Association and a course of two years with the International Correspondence School, his work having been along the lines of construction. Becoming associated in business with his father, they have erected many of the beautiful residences of the city, and some of its finest church, school and public buildings, among others specially worthy of mention being the Charles Livingston Business House, the Leo Guthman Building on Wick Avenue, the Buick Garage, the Moses Rosenbaum residence, the William Wilkoff residence and the A. M. Frankle residence, the Washington, Lincoln and Hubbard High School buildings, and the Ungar Apartments, while Emmanuel Katzman himself, erected the Lillian Apartment Building, in which he lives and which he named in honor of his wife to be.

Emmanuel Katzman married May 19, 1918, Lillian daughter of Harry and Rose Friedman, of Cleveland. Both he and his wife are members of Temple Emanuel. Fraternally Mr. Katzman is a member of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Knights of Pythias; of the Modern Woodmen of America; the Federal Lodge; and he also belongs to the Young Men's Hebrew Association, the Pole Zion Club, and to the Builder's Exchange.

Charles S. Thomas, for many years a resident of Niles, now of Youngstown, comes of a long line of Scotch iron workers, and he has long been recognized as one of the most practical men in the iron and steel business in Eastern Ohio, and has assisted in creating and building up a number of plants in the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Thomas was born at Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, Scotland, December 12, 1868. His father, Robert Thomas, was one of the managers of the Glasgow Iron Works. Charles S. Thomas was left an orphan at an early age, but acquired a practical education in Scotland.

While he was a small boy the old Summers Brothers Company had been organized and was operating a plant at Struthers, Ohio. The principal members of this firm were uncles and cousins of Charles S. Thomas. The opportunity for employment in this industry was what brought Charles S. Thomas across the ocean at the age of fifteen. He began in the office of the Summers Brothers Company and continued with the organization until 1894, when the company was dissolved. During the ten years he had filled practically every position in the sheet mill.

In 1895 the Struthers Iron & Steel Company, with Jonathan Warner as president, succeeded to the plant and business of the Summers Brothers Company. Mr. Thomas remained with the new organization as secretary. Five years later, in 1900, the Struthers plant was sold to the United States Steel Corporation, which retained Mr. Thomas for a year as local plant manager.

His next important undertaking was the organization of the Empire Iron and Steel Company at Niles, and he served it as vice president and general manager until 1906, when the business was sold to Jonathan Warner. Mr. Thomas, in 1909, organized the Deforest Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Niles, being vice president and secretary and later president. This property, in May, 1919, was sold to the Republic Iron and Steel Company.

Mr. Thomas still has some direct associations with the industrial and financial affairs of the Mahoning Valley, being a director of the Electric Alloy Steel Company, the Falcon Steel Company at Niles, the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings & Trust Company at Youngstown, and the Dollar Savings Bank Company of Niles. He made his home at Niles for twenty years, and helped develop that city, serving as president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Building Committee of the McKinley Memorial Association. In 1919 he removed his residence to Youngstown.

Mr. Thomas coming to America in boyhood has adapted himself in spirit and practice to American ideals and no native son could surpass him in loyalty to the institutions of the United States. He is a member of the Youngstown and Youngstown Country clubs, and the Trumbull Country Club of Warren and Niles. He is a Knight Templar York Rite and Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine.

In 1898 Mr. Thomas married Miss Helen Struthers, member of a very historic family of the Mahoning Valley. Her father, William Struthers, was a nephew of Thomas Struthers, after whom the Town of Struthers was named and founder of the old Anna furnace of the Struthers Iron Company. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have two children: Marion Struthers and Dudley Struthers.

Joseph A. Halls. Endowed with mechanical genius and ability of a superior order, Joseph A. Halls, of Youngstown, occupies an honored position as superintendent of the fireproofing department of the General Fireproofing Company, and as an expert machinist has acquired a world-wide reputation, machinery of his design and manufacture being in demand in all parts of the globe. A son of the late James Halls, he was born in 1870 in Mahoning County, in which the greater part of his life has been passed.

James Halls lived in England, his native country, until twenty-five years of age, when he immigrated to the United States. He was a farmer during his earlier life but after coming to Ohio was for sometime employed in the Ohio Powder Company located north of Youngstown. He attained the ripe old age

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of three score and ten years. After coming here he married Katherine Applegate, who was the descendant of an old and prominent family of Mahoning Valley, being the daughter of Calvin Applegate, who was there born in 1809. She outlived her husband, dying at the age of seventy-five years. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. The Children of James Halls and wife were as follows: Calvin A. of Hubbard, Ohio; William, of Youngstown, Ohio; James R., of Youngstown, Ohio, assistant cashier in the Commercial National Bank; and Joseph A., who was the eldest born.

Acquiring the rudiments of his education in the common schools of Trumbull County, Joseph A. Halls was subsequently graduated from the Hubbard High School. During his vacations he worked on the farm of his grandfather, Calvin Applegate, but farming not appealing to him, he entered the employ of the William Tod Company, and there served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade, being with that corporation long before it was absorbed by the United Engineering & Foundery Company, serving as its superintendent. He afterward became superintendent of the Tod-Booth Company and in that capacity being also foreman and machinist of the plant, he was associated with the building of some of the celebrated blowing engine plants of this and other countries. Mr. Halls was subsequently made superintendent of the district for the United Engineering and Foundry Company and had full charge of the construction of some of the most important steel mill machinery used in the country during the busy period of the World war when his company was taxed to the limit with orders of he most urgent character growing out of the immense plant expansion and re-equipment to keep up with war demands. On September 1, 1919, Mr. Halls became superintendent of the fireproofing department of the General Fireproofing Company, and is performing the duties of the office with characteristic ability.

Mr. Halls married April 12, 1898, Caroline Roland, daughter of Daniel Roland. She died January 16, 1919, leaving three children, namely: Norman W. and Caroline J., pupils in the Rayen High School, and Sarah H., a child of eight years. Religiously Mr. Halls is a member of the Westminster Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, being a member of the Lodge and Chapter; and to the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Youngstown Engineers' Club.

William George Reese. A highly esteemed and influential citizen of Youngstown, and a man of recognized business ability and judgment, William George Reese is actively associated with one of the leading industries of Mahoning County, having charge of the sales of the slag department of the Ohio Works, Carnegie Steel Plant a position of much responsibility. A son of William George Reese, Sr., he was born November 1, 1882, on Watts Street near the Erie Railway in Youngstown, of Welsh descent.

William George Reese, Sr. was born, bred and married in Neath, Wales. While in his native land he was employed in iron works, and after coming to the United States entered the employ of the William B. Pollock Company of Youngstown, and as one of his first jobs erected the smoke stack at No. 4 Mill. An expert boiler maker, he was the first man to use rivets in the manufacture of boilers, but was not fortunate enought to receive a patent on them, some one else doing so. A man of much intelligence, he formed many pleasant acquaintances, among others having been William Shiller of the National Tube Works, who was one of his best friends. He died in 1884, while yet in life's prime, having been but thirty-seven years old at the time of his death.

The maiden name of the wife of William G. Reese, Sr., was Hannah Parker, and they were married in Wales. Although she was a small, frail appearing woman, not over four feet in height, she was endowed with a brave, heroic spirit, and when left a widow with a family to support she went to work with true Spartan grit, and provided well for her children, and gave them good educational advantages. Industrious and faithful, willing to accept any position, she served as janitress at the gas office, the Dollar Bank Building, the Wick Building, and other buildings, and at the same time did work for the family of C. H. Andrews. She is now enjoying all the comforts of life, living with her daughter, Mrs. William Allcock, at 950 Tod Avenue. She has four loving and devoted children, as follows: Sarah, wife of William Allcock; Mamie, wife of J. O. Reeble, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; William G., the subject of this sketch, and Philip B., foreman of the shipping department of the Ohio Works.

Attending the Front Street School until eight years old, William George Reese then entered the Woods Street School, from which he was graduated at the age of fifteen years. Immediately entering the Ohio Works he served first as water boy under Edward C. Moore, and subsequently held various positions, each promotion giving him greater responsibilities and more pay. He was in turn manipulator, inspector of steel, foreman in the finishing department, and then in the slag department. Mr. Reese now has entire charge of the slag sales, an important branch of the industry that takes him to many cities, and brings him in contact with men of prominence in the business life of the country.

Mr. Reese married in 1902 Mary E., daughter of Adolph and Anna Duerr, her father having for years been baggage master, and well known. Two children have been born of their marriage, Dorothy and Pauline. Public spirited and eminently capable, Mr. Reese has been influential in promoting enterprises conducive to the city's welfare. He served as a member of the council, representing the Fifth Ward for two terms and as a member of the council at large for two terms and is now president of the city council, and in his official capacity was instrumental in securing the extension of the Mahoning Car Line to Perkins, the fire station on Mahoning Avenue, sewerage in the Mill Creek District and many other needed improvements that have proved of immense value to the city. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Order of Moose. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Reese are members of Saint David's Society and of the Trinity English Lutheran Church.

William Moore Arrel. From the very beginning of the nineteenth century the Arrel family has been a prominent one in the Mahoning Valley. One of its useful members was the late William Moore Arrel, whose life was spent as an industrious farmer and capable citizen in the country immediately adjacent to Lowellville.

He was born in Poland Township February 2, 1831, son of David and Martha (Moore) Arrel. His grandfather, John Arrel, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and settled in Ohio in 1800 and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. David Arrel was born in Mahoning County May 6, 1803, and died in 1888.

The farm where William Moore Arrel spent so many years, at one time belonged to his aunt, Miss Margaret Arrel, who never occupied it, she and her unmarried brother, John, spending their lives on another farm for fifty years. Out of seven children in the first generation of the Arrel family in Mahoning County only two were married, and they all spent their lives in the county and four died in advanced years.

William Moore Arrel married Jane Martin, a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was brought as a child to Poland Township, her parents being Hugh and Dorcas (Blackburn) Martin. Her father spent the rest of his life on a farm near Poland Village. William Moore Arrel after a few years on his farm on the State Road moved to the place adjoining Lowellville, the farm running back from the Mahoning River and comprising several hundred acres. He did general farming, and the land was also famous for the Arrel quarries, where great quantities of limestone were taken out for many years and used by the furnaces. These quarries are now practically depleted. The old home stood about a mile back from the river, and at that place William Moore Arrel died in October, 1894. Eventually the quarries encroached upon the home site until the house was converted to other purposes, and the present home was built a few years since by the family. This home stands on a beautiful site on the brow of a hill overlooking the entire valley, with Lowellville immediately beneath, and within view of the stacks of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, the Meehan Boiler Works, the power house of the Interurban Railroad, and many other features of the thriving industrial energy of the Mahoning Valley. The presence of limestone deposits on the Arrel farm was an influence dictating the location of some of the first furnaces in the valley.

The late Mr. Arrel was never in politics, but in other directions found opportunity to satisfy his public spirit. He and his wife had six children who grew to mature years: Martha, who died in early womanhood; Dorcas Rachel, wife of G. E. Hamilton, of Lowellville; John William, who died in young manhood; Margaret Jane and Mary, both at home, and Frances, wife of Paul Detchen, a real estate man at Detroit. Mr. Arrel was one of the first directors in the Dollar Savings Bank of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mrs. G. E. Hamilton and Miss Margaret J. Arrel are directors in the Lowellville Bank.

Louis Wester & Sons. A substantial and prosperous business man of Youngstown and a highly respected citizen, Louis Wester, head of the firm of Louis Wester & Sons, dealers in sand, cement, ashes, slag and coal, is managing the affairs of the firm in a most able and systematic manner, having one of the best and most completely equipped plants of the kind in the city. A native of Sweden, he was born February 11, 1866, on the Torp farm, which is located twenty-four miles from the City of Gothenberg, and fifty miles from Stockholm, being a son of Westdahl Holt.

Acquiring a good education in his native land Louis Wester left home at the age of eighteen years, immigrating to the United States and landing in New York City. Coming westward as far as Pennsylvania, he located at Gilitizen, where he worked for five years in the coal mines, afterward becoming operator of an electric mine machine. Locating at Anita, Pennsylvania, in 1891, Mr. Wester took contracts for the building of houses and plants for the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal & Iron Company, an undertaking which proved profitable, and in which he continued for nearly a score of years.

In 1910, exercising his usual good judgment, Mr. Wester established himself as a contractor at his present location, 76 Indianola Avenue, Youngstown, and at the same time largely increased his operations, making a specialty of selling sand, cement, ashes, slag and coal. His extensive transactions in this line prove that he made no mistake when he began dealing in those materials. In 1916 the business of the firm had reached such vast proportions that the sons, J. Walter Wester and Ernest Wester, assumed charge of all contracts, and have since built over fifty miles of sidewalk in the new additions made to Youngstown, and have also built many streets and roads, and have filled large contracts for cement work of various kinds.

When Mr. Wester landed in New York he had but $10 in money, and, though poor in pocket, he was rich in energy and ambition, and with a determination to succeed he worked with a will, and his present high standing in the industrial, business and financial life of the city places him among the self-made men of whom our country is justly proud. While a resident of Pennsylvania, without his consent, he was placed upon the Official Board of Charity, which looked after the city's poor, and was also made treasurer of the local school board. Politically Mr. Wester was an ardent republican until after the discovery of heavy graft in the building of the State Capitol, and since that time has voted for the best men and measures, regardless of party restrictions.

Mr. Wester married in Pennsylvania Hulda Johnson, and of their union seven sons and two daughters have been born, namely: John Walter, Ernest W., Anna Ethel, George, Arthur, Warden, Alice, Richard and Elwood. Religiously Mr. Wester and his family are members of the Swedish Mission Church.

William F. Stambaugh, who represents one branch of the relationship that has been prominent in the affairs of Northeastern Ohio from pioneer

days, has a veteran's experience in the industrial life of the district, is one of the older officials of the Brier Hill Steel Company, and for a number of years has been its superintendent of transportation and labor.

Mr. Stambaugh, who was born at Youngstown, May 12, 1867, is a son of David and Sarah (Fitch) Stambaugh. His father at one time was in the foundry business at Girard. He was a Union soldier throughout the period of the Civil war, most of the time in the quartermaster's department. He was still comparatively young when he met an accidental death. He was the father of two children, William F. and David L.

William F. Stambaugh attended the public schools at Youngstown, but at the age of sixteen went to work, so that his active working experience covers at least thirty-five years. He was first employed by Henry Wick in what is now the Union Works of the Carnegie Steel Company. He was assigned the duties of weighing iron. Not long afterward, when the works were shut down by strike, Mr. Wick put him in the Witch Hazel Coal Company's plant on Belmont Avenue within fifty feet of where Fairview crosses Belmont. He became a coal weigher, and was with the company about six years, during which time the Witch Hazel coal field was thoroughly developed.

In 1888 Mr. Stambaugh became a helper in the William B. Pollock's boiler works, and served two years at the boiler maker's trade. In July, 1890, he left the boiler shops to become a mail carrier at Youngstown, and was one of the staff of the local postoffice until the spring of 1896. Then after a few months at boiler making in the fall of 1896, he entered the service of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company as a dock foreman, having in charge the handling and loading of pig iron. He succeeded D. C. Bucken as yardmaster and shipper, and when the Brier Hill Steel Company was formed he continued as yardmaster and about 1913 was promoted to his present responsibilities as superintendent of transportation and labor.

Mr. Stambaugh is a Knight of Pythias and has filled the various chairs in his lodge. He is a member of the Christian Church and a republican voter. September 6, 1893, he married Miss Elizabeth Winsper, of Youngstown. Five children were born to their marriage: Adalaide C., wife of Joseph H. Jackson; David H.; Grace G., deceased; Arabella and Sophia.

Harvey J. Woodard, general manager of sales for the Republic Rubber Company, began his career in a rubber factory and has had an active association with the industry for practically two decades.

He was born at Kalamazoo, Michigan, April 13, 1869, son of William M. and Louisa (Carpenter) Woodard, the former now deceased and the latter still living. William M. Woodard spent his active life as a merchant, and was for four years a Union soldier in the Civil war. He served as first lieutenant in the Third Michigan Cavalry. He was in the battle of Shiloh, in many of the campaigns and was slightly wounded.

Harvey J. Woodard grew up at Kalamazoo, had a high school education and spent one year in the mills of the diamond Rubber Company. For two years he worked in the sales end of the railroad department, and then for fifteen years was New York manager of the Diamond Rubber Company. Another two years he was connected with the Knight Rubber and Tire Company at Akron.

He came to Youngstown in 1917, at the same time as Mr. Norwood, now president of the Republic Rubber Company. As general manager of sales he is the man chiefly responsible for the great volume of the business of the corporation during the past two years.

Mr. Woodard is a member of the Youngstown and Youngstown Country Clubs, and is a member of the Masonic Order. He and his family belong to the Episcopal Church. In 1898 he married Miss Katherine Nelson, of Kalamazoo. Their children are Mary and William.

George E. Hamilton. In recent years business firms and individuals at Lowellville have depended upon and demanded more and more for carrying out their building program the services of George E. Hamilton, a contractor who has developed an adequate organization and has the facilities for practically every class of work needed in his district.

Mr. Hamilton, who is a citizen of the highest standing in Lowellville, was born near Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1863. He grew up in Southwestern Pennsylvania, acquired a common school education, and by practical experience perfected himself as a carpenter. He has been a resident of Lowellville about twenty-five years, and most of that time has been doing business as a building contractor. Mr. Hamilton has served as a member of the local school board for the past eight years, and is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

By his first marriage he has three sons: Harvey, in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Indianapolis; William R., in the office of the Republic Iron and Steel Company; and Fred B., in the office of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

In 1908 Mr. Hamilton married Dorcas R. Arrel, member of the prominent Mahoning County family of that name, whose record appears elsewhere in this publication. Mrs. Hamilton was very active in local Red Cross work during the war, also helped in the War Savings campaign and is a director in the Lowellville Bank and Savings Company. Mr. Hamilton is affiliated with the Masonic Order.

Orris O. Hewitt. While his talents have been turned to good account in different professions, Orris O. Hewitt is best known in Niles as a manufacturer, and for several years past has been connected with the Niles Forge & Manufacturing Company.

He was born on a farm near Newton Falls Ohio, January 16, 1879, son of Levi and Amelia (Kistler) Hewitt, natives of the same locality. The grandparents were early pioneers of Ohio. Levi Hewitt is still living at Newton Falls, while his wife is deceased.

Orris O. Hewitt grew up on a farm, had a public school education and business college training, and began his life as a school teacher. In 1903, on com-

ing to Niles, he served for a time as stenographer and bookkeeper for the Niles Mine and Mill Supply Company. When that plant was consolidated with the Mineral Ridge Manufacturing Company he remained with the latter for two years. Since then he has had residence for brief intervals at a number of places, though his home for the most part has been in Niles. He has been actively identified with the Niles Forge & Manufacturing Company for several years, first as secretary and for the past two years as secretary and treasurer.

By appointment Mr. Hewitt served two years as city treasurer at Niles. He is a democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church. September 28, 1904, he married Blanche M. Everett, of Newton Falls. Their three children are Delphine M., Everett Lee and Ruth Ida.

Daniel Sheehy. While Youngstown was founded by and named in honor of John Young, Young and his family never made a permanent home here. One of Young's active associates at the beginning of settlement was Daniel Sheehy, whose power and influence were much more significant in many ways than Young's in the early history of the town, and who spent his life here and has numerous descendants living there today.

Daniel Sheehy was born in Dublin, Ireland, and was liberally educated and had many of the distinctive oratorical gifts of the Irishman. He had come to the colonies during the Revolutionary war. One of his relatives had been beheaded because of his religion. Daniel Sheehy's early training was for the Catholic priesthood. He was the leading character of the Irish population in this portion of the Western Reserve and according to Father Mears of Youngstown, was the founder of the Catholic Church in this portion of Northeast Ohio. He had fought as a young officer on the American side in the Revolution.

At Albany, New York, he met John Young, who persuaded Sheehy to come to the Western Reserve. Sheehy was assistant surveyor to Isaac Powers. Daniel Sheehy selected 2,000 acres of land, 400 being in the east part of Youngstown, and part of it still occupied by his descendants. The story is told that Young, after setting aside this land to Sheehy, received a higher offer and tried to annul the bargain. Daniel Sheehy was of a temperament not calculated to submit to any such injustice. He quarreled with Young, and as a result was imprisoned in the first jail in Trumbull County, at Warren. He was also a ring leader in the quarrel about the alien vote in the county seat case. Daniel Sheehy's wife was quite as determined as he to obtain the land he had bought, and it was through her influence that a compromise was obtained, whereby Mr. Sheehy got a deed to his 400 acres. Very properly one of the city streets of Youngstown is named Sheehy.

Daniel Sheehy established his home at what is now Wilson Avenue and Edgewood Street. He farmed there in the early days, and in the absence of local mills took his grain by canoe to Beaver, Pennsylvania. On one of these trips he met Jane McLain, who was of Scotch descent, and was a woman of high character and in every way a partner to her husband. They had nine children: Robert, said to have been the first white child born in Youngstown, who died at the age of nineteen; Mary, who became the wife of William Woods; Catherine, who married Neil Campbell; Margaret, Mrs. Daniel McAlister; John; Daniel; James; McLain; and Jane, who was married to John Lett. The Sheehy descendants inherited much of the ability and fine character of Daniel and Jane Sheehy. Daniel Sheehy accumulated considerable means and gave to his children liberally. His later years were spent in blindness.

John Sheehy, a son of Daniel, married Anna Kimmel and they had five children. John Sheehy was both a farmer and a blacksmith and a prominent whig in politics. Daniel Sheehy, Jr., married Charlotte Pearson, but had no children. James Sheehy married and had one son who moved to Kentucky and became head of a college at Bardstown. McLain Sheehy lived and died in Youngstown, his wife being Julia Bedell, and there is but one child left living in this city, Mary, who married Patterson Hewitt.

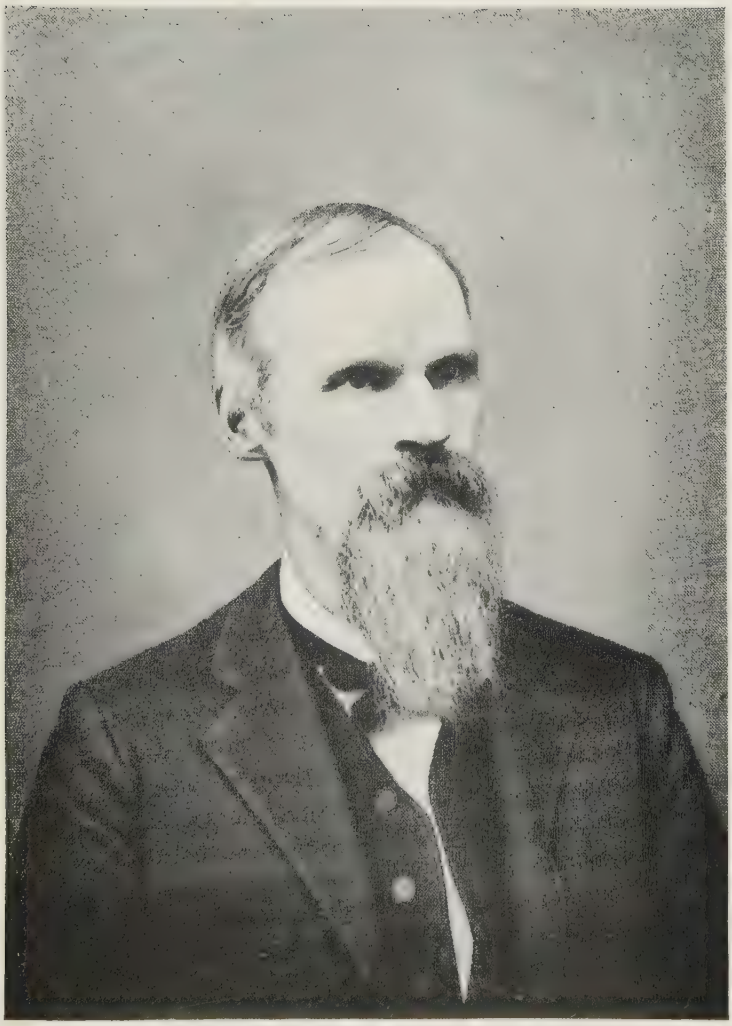
George C. Wilson, whose widow is still living at Youngstown at the age of eighty-six and is a granddaughter of the famous early settler Daniel Sheehy, was himself of a pioneer family.

He was born January 12, 1834, at Weathersfield, now a part of Girard, Ohio. He was left fatherless when young and lived with a brother until as a result of unjust treatment he ran away. He grew up into a handsome young man and developed a high order of business ability. He was keen of discernment, and had great versatility. He clerked in a store and later became a successful traveling salesman. He went south as agent of the Adams Express Company.

October 27, 1859, Mr. Wilson married Miss Ellen Sheehy, daughter of John Sheehy and granddaughter of Daniel Sheehy. Just before the beginning of the Civil war they were living in Mississippi. Mr. Wilson was strongly Union in sentiment, and therefore took his wife to Louisville, Kentucky, where during the war he had charge of river transportation between Louisville and Cincinnati for the United States Government. Mrs. Wilson rendered considerable service in the army hospitals.

After the war the Wilsons returned to Youngstown and bought the old Sheehy homestead, where George C. Wilson spent the rest of his life and where he died June 10, 1897. He made the old Sheehy homestead pay him rich dividends. He laid out through the property Wilson Avenue, named in his honor, and was instrumental in securing the construction of a street railway on that thoroughfare, giving the right of way to the company. He also developed a sand bank on the property, and that deposit is still being exploited on an extensive scale. Mr. Wilson was a Presbyterian, a republican and a Mason. He left a large estate.

Mrs. George C. Wilson was born March 21, 1834, and except seven years in the South has spent all her life in Youngstown. She inherited many of the intellectual gifts of her father and grandfather



Geo. C. Wilson

Mrs Geo. C. Wilson

and at the age of sixteen began teaching school, having as high as ninety pupils enrolled under her. This was her work until her marriage. At the age of eighty-six she still retains her physical and mental faculties, and for a number of years has directed a large business with excellent judgment, her capable ally being her only daughter, Elizabeth.

Sylvester E. McKee has gained secure vantage place as one of the progressive and representative business men of the thriving little city of Sebring, Mahoning County, where he developed a substantial enterprise under the title of the Sebring Electric Service Company, which he sold in February, 1920, and where he formerly controlled a prosperous business in the handling of newspapers, magazines and other periodicals.

Mr. McKee was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1861,—a date memorable as that on which occurred the battle of Bull Run. His father was a manufacturer of and dealer in lumber, besides having been a substantial farmer, and after his retirement he continued his residence in Mercer County until his death, he having served many years as justice of the peace.

After having attended the public schools Sylvester E. McKee completed a business course in Duff's College in the City of Pittsburgh, and for seven years thereafter he was bookkeeper in the office of the Hazard Coal Company at Hazard, Pennsylvania, For the ensuing three years he held an office position at Pittsburgh, and in 1890 he came to Ohio and engaged in the grocery and notions business at East Palestine, Columbiana County. He continued this enterprise seven years and for the following three years was there identified with electrical business. In 1900 he came to Sebring and established his late enterprise, in which he built up a prosperous business. Mr. McKee did the first practical electrical installation work in the village, and in connection with the large amount of service thus rendered he finally developed the business in the handling of all kinds of electrical supplies and the contracting for electrical work. In the handling of metropolitan and other newspapers Mr. McKee developed his circulation at Sebring from thirty copies to fully 500, and in 1912 he sold this department of his business upon advantageous terms. Thereafter he purchased the Sebring electric-light plant, the same having been in the hands of a receiver. The property had been twice sold at the time it came into his possession in 1912, and under his control the service was brought to excellent standard in the supplying of lights for streets, business places and houses. Operative power was secured from the Stark Electric Company, and after making the property and franchise substantially valuable Mr. McKee sold the plant and business to the Alliance Gas & Power Company at a handsome profit, after having controlled the enterprise seven years. His well equipped business place was established in the Mahoning Block, and in addition to handling a full line of electrical goods Mr. McKee was local agent for leading phonographs. His activities in this last department were largely confined to handling the excellent and popular Mackolo phonographs, with the manufacturing of which instruments he had become actively and financially identified. Mr. McKee is a man of marked initiative ability and much enterprise, as further demonstrated by his being a director of the Sebring Tire & Rubber Company, which was organized in 1916.

In July, 1920, he took the agency for the Overland and Willys-Knight automobiles for the district of Sebring, and has erected a modern garage and storeroom on a part of the property adjoining his residence.

At Hazard, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1884, Mr. McKee wedded Miss Lessie E. Wilson, and they have one son Floyd W., who is now superintendent and manager of the Salem China Company, the business of which is owned by F. A. Sebring. Floyd W. McKee married Miss Hannah Wilson, of Grafton, Pennsylvania, and they have three children—Ellsworth, Elizabeth and Bessie.

S. E. McKee and his wife are zealous members of the United Presbyterian Church at Sebring, in which he is an elder and also until recently superintendent of the Sabbath school. He was the first scholar in the Sabbath school organized by this congregation, and also had the distinction of being made its first teacher and its first superintendent. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his wife being an active member of the Daughters of Rebekah and also an active worker in behalf of the temperance cause. In connection with work for prohibition Mrs. McKee served about three years as chairman of the Wet and Dry Association of Sebring.

James Guy Swisher, enterprising and respected merchant of Petersburg, Mahoning County, and in possession of a substantial general store business at that place, is widely known throughout that section of the county, and has shown commendable interest in public affairs. He has been active in church work; and generally has sought to give useful service to his neighborhood, both in business and public affairs.

He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on September 5, 1870, the son of James P. and Elizabeth Swisher. The family, however, has been connected with Petersburg and with Mahoning County for forty-four years, for James G. was only six years old when his parents came to live in Petersburg. His father died in 1901, and the only survivor of the Swisher family of his father's generation, which consisted of six sons and three daughters, is his aunt Mary, who married William Cornelius, whose son Ralph is president of the Mahoning National Bank and a leading resident of Youngstown. James P. Swisher, father of James G., was seventy-three years old in the year of his demise.

James Guy Swisher passed his boyhood from his sixth year in Petersburg, and attended the schools of that place, eventually graduating from the high school. Soon afterwards he entered commercial life, for twelve years being connected as traveling salesman with the Robert McBride Company, wholesalers of Cleveland, for some years handling city trade for them. He married in 1901, and for six years thereafter continued to act as salesman for

the Cleveland firm, he and his wife, Daisy E. Miller, daughter of J. F. Miller, of Petersburg, living in Cleveland during that period. In 1907 her father, who for thirty-five years had been in retail mercantile business at Petersburg, wished to retire because of failing health, and he asked his son-in-law, James G. Swisher, to come back to Petersburg and take charge of the store, which Mr. Swisher did soon afterwards. In 1915 Mr. Miller retired altogether, and since that year Mr. Swisher has been in complete control of the business, which is a substantial one. Since James G. Swisher acquired the business he has appreciably expanded it. Each year shows an increase in trade; and each year widens his scope of trading. He carries a stock of about $7,500, finds constant employment for two assistants, and has embraced all general lines in his store. He has a wide country trade, and is well regarded in the neighborhood as an accommodating merchant, reliable and practical in his service. He also owns the store building.

Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias order, has passed through all the chairs of the local lodge, and has been its Master of Finances for ten years. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Swisher are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Swisher taking much part in church work, and Mr. Swisher holding church office. He has been steward of the church for six years. Politically he is a republican.

Lawrence W. Kale, senior member of the firm of L. W. Kale & Sons, is a man who has lived to good purpose and achieved a large degree of success, solely through his individual efforts. By a straightforward and commendable course Mr. Kale has won the hearty admiration of the people of his community, earning a reputation as an enterprising, progressive man of affairs which the public has not been slow to recognize and appreciate. Those who know him best will readily acquiesce in the statement that he is eminently deserving of the material success which has crowned his efforts and of the high esteem in which he is held.

Lawrence W. Kale was born in Deerfield, Portage County, Ohio, on May 6, 1861, and is the son of Henry and Mary (Shiveley) Kale. Henry Kale, who was of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, was a native of Ohio and died at Deerfield, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife made her home during the last years of her life with her son, the subject of this sketch, her death occurring in 1902. Henry Kale came to Youngstown in an early day, when it was but a hamlet, and here learned the tailor's trade. While still a young man he moved to Portage County, this state, where he engaged in farming on a limited scale, though he made a success of it through his industry and thrift. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Deerfield and was on its official board for many years. He was twice married, first to Matilda Lyon, to which union were born two sons, Wallace and Walter, both of whom are now deceased. The former was a harness-maker and the latter a carpenter, their residence being in Palmyra, Ohio, where Mary Kale, the widow of Walter, still resides. By his last marriage, which was to Mary Shiveley, Henry Kale became the father of two sons, the subject of this sketch and Alva, a carpenter living in Youngstown, who has a son, Henry, who is now a teacher in the Rayen High School.

Lawrence W. Kale received his early education in the public schools of Deerfield, Ohio. He remained on the parental farm until nineteen years of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1882 he came to Youngstown and worked at his trade for about ten years. In 1892 he formed a partnership with F. A. Hartenstein, and they opened a grocery store at No. 523 High Street. One year later he sold his interest to his partner and, with a cash capital of $400, engaged in business on his own account on Burke Street. In 1895 he built a storeroom at his present location on Park Avenue, and so steadily has his business increased since that time that he has been compelled to make two additions to the original building. It is but a matter of justice to state a fact well recognized by all who are familiar with the business, that a large share of the success of the business has been due to the efforts of Mrs. Kale, who has been her husband's partner and real helpmate. They have been splendidly successful and are now the owners of a comfortable and attractive suburban home near Austintown.

In 1882 Mr. Kale was married to Cornelia Heiser, the daughter of Charles and Lorinda Heiser, of Milton, Mahoning County. To their union have been born two sons, Ronald Oak and Edward Lee, who are now associated with their father in business. Ronald Oak is a graduate of the Covington Street School and of Hall's Business College. At the age of twenty-one he was taken into partnership with his father and is now a progressive young business man. He married Miss Emma Schulz, of Youngstown, and they have one child, Cornelia. Mr. Kale and wife are members of the Unitarian Church, while he is a member of the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Edward Lee, the younger son, is a graduate of Covington Street School. He was also admitted to the partnership upon reaching man's estate and, like his brother, deserves considerable credit as a progressive and hustling young man. He married Jennie Hartle, and they have three children, Mildred, Lawrence and David. Mr. Kale is also a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities and the father and two sons are republicans in politics.

Fraternally Mr. Kale is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degree, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, while he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The family are members of Grace English Lutheran Church. He is a man of many sterling characteristics of head and heart and has richly earned the high standing which he enjoys in the community. Though a busy man, he has never neglected his duties to the community and has ever stood for all that was best in everything affecting the material, civic and moral interests of the people.

L. W. Vale

Ezra C. Welsh for many years has been one of he outstanding figures in the business life of Mahoning County, the old home of the family being at New Middletown. Incidental to other interests he acquired some extensive holdings in oil properties and several years ago he turned a large share of his active capital to the resources of the wonderful new oil territory in Texas, and has since spent much of his time in that oil eldorado, his Mahoning County business affairs being conducted largely by his son, Allen G.

Born in Springfield Township, Mahoning County, February 1, 1868, Ezra C. Welsh is a son of William and Leach (Witzeman) Welsh. His father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and at the age of nineteen came alone to America and at once located in Springfield Township of Mahoning County. He followed his trade as a shoemaker, also bought a farm of twenty-five acres, and finally bought and moved to an eighty-acre farm where he lived until his death. His wife, Leach Witzeman, was born in Springfield Township, and her father, Jacob Witzeman, was the founder of his family in Mahoning County and became widely prominent in business, owning a farm, conducting a general store on it and doing a large business in livestock. He was one of the early day drovers to Philadelphia. William Welsh was a democrat, serving in several local offices, and was a member of the German Lutheran Church. He and his wife had four children: Jonathan, of near New Springfield; Wilson, of Youngstown; Ezra C.; and Albert, who died at the age of six years.

Some of the dominant qualities that have distinguished Ezra C. Welsh have been initiative and self-reliance. He acquired those qualities in his youthful experience. He received the ordinary education of the country schools and at Poland, advantages deemed sufficient by his father, but not by himself. By his personal efforts, beginning at the age of thirteen, he acquired the necessary sum to prepare himself for teaching, and at the age of seventeen took his first school in Springfield Township. This instance of his youthful determination and enterprise, it is not too much to say, has been repeated over and over again on larger scales throughout his career. For seven years he continued as a teacher, and left school work to begin business as a member of the firm Wire, Rummel & Company.

In 1889 he bought out that business, and with Solomon M. Wire changed the name to Wire & Welsh. They owned the business until D. Livingstone was admitted as a partner, after which the title was Wire, Welsh & Company. The senior partner died in 1903, but the name was retained, with Mr. Welsh and Mr. Livingstone as sole owners until January 1, 1916. Mr. Welsh then accommodated his partner by buying out his interests and with the assistance of his son, A. G., took over all the property of Wire, Welsh & Company and incorporated the Wire-Welsh Distilling Company. The stock of this concern has been very closely held. E. C. Welsh is president and general manager and A. G. Welsh, secretary and manager.

Upon the organization of the new company the capacity of the distillery was increased, a new bonded warehouse built and a modern drying plant installed whereby all distilled grains heretofore wasted were dried and sold as dairy food. The plant continued operation until closed by legislation in September, 1917, and since then the plant has stood idle, no plans having been matured to convert it to other purposes. At the time it closed the company was mashing 305 bushels of grain per day, and manufacturing about 1,300 gallons of whiskey daily. The Government bonded warehouses had a storage capacity of 12,000 barrels.

When Mr. Livingstone sold his interest in the firm of Wire, Welsh & Company he also sold his interest in the Prosperous Oil Company. This company operates in the neighborhood of sixty oil wells in Mahoning County. The stock of the company is held and the officers are the same as in the Wire, Welsh & Company.

Thus for a number of years Mr. Welsh has been actively identified with oil production. Soon after the distilling plant was closed there occurred the tremendous development of the new Texas oil fields. and Mr. Welsh, leaving his Mahoning County business in charge of his son, went to the southwest and his increasing interests have kept him there almost uninterruptedly, though he regards Texas only as a temporary residence. His first success in the Texas oil fields came in September, 1919, when he struck a 7,000-barrel per day oil well. Since then he has broadened out and holds acreage in different promising oil territories of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The farms formerly jointly owned by Mr. Welsh and Mr. Livingstone are now owned by Mr. Welsh, and comprise over 200 acres. The residence and barn have been completely equipped and are very modern. Mr. Welsh in politics is a stanch democrat and has attended many state conventions. For many years he was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Election for Mahoning County. He and his family belong to St. Luke's Lutheran Church at New Middletown.

September 16, 1886, he married Agnes Livingstone, who was born March 15, 1866, at Struthers, Ohio, daughter of Andrew and Agnes (Calderhead) Livingstone. After nearly thirty years of married life Mrs. Welsh died suddenly in May, 1915. In the spring of 1917, Mr. E. C. Welsh married Edna Grise, of Youngstown. His children are all by his first marriage, three sons, Allen Grover, William Andrew and Duncan Ezra.

Allen Grover Welsh, who was born January 19, 1889, graduated from the Poland Union Seminary, completed a thorough business course at Hall's Commercial College at Youngstown, and in the fall of 1907 entered the freshman year of the Ohio State University as a student of chemistry. He graduated in the spring of 1911, successfully passed the State Board of Pharmacy examination, and was in the drug business at Youngstown until he became actively associated with his father in January, 1916. February 4, 1913, he married Clara Henrietta Schmidt, who was born at Columbus, Ohio, August 16, 1888, daughter of Herman T. Schmidt, who is now president of the Cable Piano Company of Detroit.

The second son, William Andrew Welsh, was born July 9, 1891, and at the conclusion of his second year in the Poland Union Seminary entered the South High School at Columbus, following which he took the four-year course in pharmacy and chemistry at the Ohio State University, and subsequently graduated in medicine from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. After an internship in the Youngstown City Hospital he passed the State Medical Board examination in the fall of 1919, and is now a successful practicing physician at Youngstown, giving part of his professional service to the Brier Hill Steel Company. In the fall of 1919 Doctor Welsh married Mary Smith, daughter of Alfred Smith of Belmont Avenue, Youngstown.

The youngest son, who was born September 19, 1893, took his freshman high school work at Poland Union Seminary, his sophomore year at Columbiana High School, and subsequently graduated from the Rayen High School. He spent one year in the Ohio State University, and left college to enter the service department of the Cadillac Motor Company. Later he opened a garage at New Middletown, selling Dodge cars and Cleveland tractors, but since the fall of 1919 has had his headquarters at Cleveland, where he directs the distributing agency for the Cleveland Tractor Company, over twenty-two counties of Northeastern Ohio. In the fall of 1914 Duncan E. Welsh married Pearl Kauffman, of New Middletown.

Solomon J. Heck, of Beaver Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, is one of the leading residents of that part of Mahoning County. He is a well-to-do farmer, has been a township trustee for twenty years, and is a coal operator and producer.

He was born in Unity Township, Columbiana County, Ohio, on August 9, 1857, the son of John and Eliza (Greenamyer) Heck, both of Columbiana County. His mother's parents were from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, but in the paternal line four generations have been resident in Ohio. The Heck family was originally from Germany, Jacob, son of the original American settler of the Heck family, having lived for the latter part of his life on the same farm in Columbiana County, Ohio, near which Solomon J. Heck was born. Jacob Heck was more than eighty years old in the year of his death. His son John lived in Columbiana County until 1865, when he came to Beaver Township, Mahoning County, and took up the tract now known as the Wisbel farm, near the Eureka stop on the interurban road. He was a carpenter by trade, and the latter years of his life he spent in the home of his son Solomon J. He was a democrat in politics, a conscientious Christian, member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for the greater part of his life was an industrious worker. He consequently was respected by his neighbors, and had many good friends. He died at the age of seventy-three years, but his widow lived for a further seventeen years, being eighty-five years old at her death, and notwithstanding her extreme age she was even in her last years a well-preserved woman, mentally vigorous to the end. They had only one child, Solomon J., who was born near the old Heck homestead in Columbiana County eight years before they came into Mahoning County in 1865. His life has been centered practically wholly in Beaver Township, and has been one of creditable activity. He attended the district schools in his youth, and afterward learned the trade of carpenter, and in his young manhood did much farming work in the neighborhood for low wages. Not for high wages, either, for at one time he was only receiving fifty cents a day, and later his wage was increased to sixteen dollars a month. Then followed four years of steady and responsible farming for his uncle, Peter Heck, then incapacitated by old age, and having no son to continue the operation of his farm, his only son, William, having a short while before died, at the age of thirty-two years. Solomon J. operated the farm for his uncle for four years prior to his marriage, on October 20, 1885, to Emma Rapp, daughter of Noah and Anna (Sponseller) Rapp, whose farm adjoined that of Peter Heck, both bordering on Pine Lake. The Rapp family is one of the pioneer families of that section, John Rapp, great-grandfather of Emma Rapp, being the pioneer. He was born on October 24, 1775, and died in 1862. The descent from John Rapp and his wife Catherine to Emma Rapp is through their son Henry and his son Noah, father of Emma. Henry died at the age of seventy-two years and Noah at fifty-eight years. The latter was born on the Pine Lake farm in 1842, and died in 1900. Mrs. Heck's mother was reared in the same neighborhood, and reached the age of sixty-eight years. Their children, including Emma, who was the only daughter, were: Sylvanus, who lives near North Lima; Albert, of Springfield Township; and Harvey, at Columbiana. The Rapps were members of the Reformed Church at North Lima, and both Henry and Noah were buried there. Emma Rapp stayed with her parents until she married Solomon J. Heck, and then for about a year she and her husband lived on the adjoining property, that of his uncle Peter. Later Mr. and Mrs. Heck lived for about a year near Youngstown. Solomon J. Heck then rented a farm in Beaver Township, and two years later, in August, 1890, bought the farming property upon which he has since lived. It was originally the John Coy farm, that family having acquired it, fifty acres, in its wild state from the Government. It was not in very good condition when Mr. Heck bought it, and all the improvements now on the land were built by him. He built a good house and a substantial barn, and was very enterprising and industrious in his farming. He grew berries extensively, and also truck produce; set up a saw and grist mill; had a cider press; and made thousands of gallons of apple butter. He prospered well in his varied and enterprising use of the land, and quite recently showed good initiative and business acumen in opening again a coal bank on his land. It was originally opened sixty-five years ago, but abandoned five years later, but in 1917 Mr. Heck saw a good local demand could be developed, so he opened it again, and the bank finds employment for three men. There is a vein of coal thirty inches to three feet thick, and the coal is of average quality.

Mr. Heck is well regarded in the township, and is generally to be found among the leaders of that

Louis Giering

section of the county in matters of public interest. For nearly twenty years he has been a township trustee, and he is one of the prominent democrats of that township. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Heck are members of the Reformed Church, and for many years have been identified with the Mount Olivet Reformed Church at North Lima. Miss Stella Heck a daughter, has also been particularly active in church work. Miss Heck was organist of Mount Olivet Church until she married and moved into Canfield Township, in which township she also is similarly connected with the church. In all matters connected with agriculture Mr. Heck has shown an intelligent and constructive interest, has been a member of the local Grange for many years, and has been a member of the Farm Bureau since its organization.

Solomon J. Heck and his wife, Emma Rapp, are the parents of five children, four of whom are daughters. Their children, in order of birth, are: Clarence Raymond, of whom more follows; Grace, who has remained with her parents; Stella, who married Clem Dietrick, of Canfield Township; Erma, who married Herbert Haney of Youngstown, who now is in executive responsibliity in the office of Armour and Company, Youngstown; and Mildred, who is at home with her parents. Erma was previously engaged in teaching, having been educated for that profession. She graduated in the high school at Columbiana, attended Tiffin College, and also Kent Normal School, and as a teacher was connected with the county schools in Coitsville and East Youngstown.

Clarence Raymond, only son of Solomon J. and Emma (Rapp) Heck, attended Columbiana High School, and is now in the automobile business in North Lima, where he has a modern, up-to-date garage. He is an enterprising business man, who is satisfactorily succeeding. He married Carrie Flodden, a daughter of John Flodden, of Leetonia, and they have two daughters, Helen and Mary.

CHARLES C. GIERING is president and general manager of the Giering Bottling Company at 568 Hilker Street. Mr. Giering knows every phase and has had every possible experience in the bottling industry. In passing years it has been his business ambition to find a better way and to supply a better product to his patrons, and out of this ideal has grown the satisfying success he enjoys.

He was born within the present limits of the City of Youngstown, November 27, 1876, son of Louis and Marie (Andler) Giering. His father was born in 1842 and his mother in 1837. They were married in Germany in June, 1865, and in September of the same year came to the United States. Louis Giering had learned the cooper's trade in his native land, and for two years in the United States worked in that line at New Castle, Pennsylvania. On coming to Youngstown he had charge of the cooperage department of the Smith Brewing Company until 1876. In that year, more than forty years ago, he established the Giering bottling business, his plant being located in the country at what is now 421 Edwards Street. Later he moved to Marshall Street and then to the present site of the industry on Hilker Sreet.

This business is therefore one of the oldest of its kind in Eastern Ohio. The active manager became J. F. Giering, son of the founder, in 1896. Charles C. Giering became a partner in 1900. In 1912 the Giering Bottling Company was incorporated, with Mr. Charles Giering as president and general manager. The plant has all the equipment which makes possible the highest quality of product under the most sanitary conditions. This company are the manufacturers and distributors of Coca-Cola for the Youngstown district.

Louis Giering died in 1914. While a cooper by trade and a bottler by many years of business association, his hobby and main interest in later years was agriculture on an intensive scale. To satisfy this ambition he bought a farm near the city, and gave to it his personal management until his death. His widow is still living in Youngstown, a devout member of the German Reformed Church. Louis Giering was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and was an independent in politics. He and his wife had five children: J. F., a resident of Youngstown; Louis W., interested in a bottling business at Warren, Ohio; Charles C.; Rosa, wife of William Aley, of Youngstown; and Mary, wife of Harry Aley.

Charles C. Giering left school at the age of fourteen. His first regular occupation was as bottle washer in his father's establishment. He performed those duties by means of a handful of shot and a vigorous shaking of each individual bottle. Anyone who has visited a modern bottling establishment knows the appliances, consisting of rapidly revolving brushes and other means, operated from a power shaft, which renders bottle washing a comparatively simple, rapid and sanitary process. From bottle washer Mr. Giering worked in every department of the business, and eventually became manager and then president of the company. He is a member of the various Masonic bodies, being a Knight Templar Mason, a member of Lake Erie Consistory of the Scottish Rite, the Mystic Shrine, and is also affiliated with the Elks, Knights of Pythias and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

September 6, 1913, he married Miss Lottie Meredith, of Marietta, Ohio. Mrs. Giering is a member of the Reformed Lutheran Church. Their two children are Louis and Alice Marie.

JOHN YODER, successful floriculturist at North Lima, is one of the leading residents of Beaver Township, prominent in almost all public affairs of the township, and generally well-known and respected throughout that part of Mahoning County. His life record shows that he is a man of education and ability. In early manhood he was for a decade an educator, connected as such with the county schools; is the largest grower of flowers and produce under glass in the district; was one of the organizers of the Beaver Telephone Company, and was its secretary and treasurer for sixteen years; has been township clerk, township treasurer, and in other ways has participated in the township administration; he has been a prominent leader of the local

option movement; and for many years has been an elder of the Reformed Church at North Lima.

He was born about half a mile to the southward of the Village of North Lima, Beaver Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, on July 9, 1865, the son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Nold) Yoder. Both of his parents were born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, his father on July 3, 1819, and his mother on July 22, 1822. His father died on September 8, 1888, aged sixty-nine years, and his mother on May 9, 1908, aged eighty-six years. Abraham Yoder was twenty-four years old when he married Elizabeth Nold, daughter of Jacob Nold, a miller and farmer in Leetonia, Columbiana County, to which place he had come when his daughter Elizabeth was young. He operated a mill and farm at Leetonia until old age, and died in that place. Her mother was Kate Ziegler. The Yoder family certainly has place among the pioneer families of Beaver Township, for it has had connection with that section of Mahoning County since 1824, when Peter and Lizzie Yoder came from Pennsylvania and settled in the western part of Beaver Township, near Lewistown. There Peter Yoder died in 1870, after a successful and industrious life as a farmer. The record shows that Peter Yoder was one of the leading citizens of the township, and was especially active in church matters. He was one of the original members of the Mennonite Church at North Lima, and was buried in the cemetery of that church. The sons of Peter Yoder were Peter, Lewis, Abraham and John.

Abraham, who was born in 1819, and married in 1843, in 1856 or 1857 became the owner of the farm on which most of his children were subsequently born, the property coming to him by purchase. In 1859 he built the barn now in use, and in 1878 erected the house. The farm was 153 acres in extent, and only partly developed. His life was interesting. He did much pioneer work, clearing much of his farm, and also mining coal found on his property. For many years he mined coal and carried it to the nearest market, which was at Columbiana, four miles distant. The coal deposits on his farm were of much consequence to him, and although the price by comparison with the prices of today was somewhat low, he nevertheless found it quite profitable to mine the coal. Often he could not sell for cash; and one buyer used to sell him buggies in exchange for coal, which buggies Abraham Yoder would sell over a wide area. He died on the farm in his seventieth year. Politically he was a republican, although he never sought public office; and he was widely known throughout the county as a progressive, responsible man. By religious conviction a Mennonite, he lived a conscientious Christian life in useful citizenship. He and his wife, Elizabeth Nold, were the parents of eleven children: Catherine, who married Isaac Flohr, a farmer of Columbiana County and she died in 1912, aged sixty-eight years; Anna, who died when twelve years old; William, who left home in 1881 for Nebraska, eventually becoming a carpenter and contractor in Falls City of that state; Noah, who bought a farm in Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio, and became one of the leading men of that county, being at one time elected county commissioner, and he died in 1915, aged sixty-five years. Jacob, a successful merchant for the greater part of his life, and now living in retirement in Los Angeles, California, was for eighteen years a grocer in Toledo, Ohio; Owen, who was a farmer at Jefferson, Ohio, but died in 1885, at the early age of thirty-two years. Abraham was of distinguished public record in the State of Montana. In 1881 he went to Butte City, Montana, and became interested in mining. He was one of the business leaders of Butte City, and also one of its political leaders. A man of distinct capability, Abraham Yoder became very prominent as a public speaker, and was elected to many local offices, and attended many republican national conventions. He eventually was elected secretary of state, and then removed to the state capital, Helena. He was in office when he died in 1911, aged fifty-five years. His widow, Alice Greiner, now lives in East Palestine, Ohio, where she was born. She was educated in the old Poland Academy, and at Lebanon, Ohio. For several years before he married he taught in the schools of Beaver and Boardman townships, Mahoning County. Peter, who lives at Medina, Ohio, is a former mayor of that town, is in commercial life, and at one time was a shoe dealer in Medina. Enos, is a merchant at East Palestine, Ohio. Sarah married Eli Blosser, of North Lima; and John.

John Yoder, youngest child of Abraham and Elizabeth (Nold) Yoder, was born in 1865, on the parental estate near North Lima, and has retained close connection with his home township throughout his life. He was educated in local schools, and for two years attended the Northeastern Ohio Normal School at Canfield, under Superintendents Ransom and Webster. Entering the teaching profession he taught for thirteen terms in the schools of Beaver Township, and concurrently had interested himself in floriculture and greenhouse work. He built a small greenhouse in 1893, in that year having about 400 feet under glass, and he steadily developed that business until at present he has more than half an acre under glass, and has quite a consequential business in ornamental plants. He is an enthusiastic gardener and florist, and his business has grown so that it needs all his time. He also grows much green stuff and bedding plants, lettuce, tomatoes and cabbage.

In the public affairs of the township he has always been interested and active, and has undertaken many township responsibilities. He was township clerk for two years, was township treasurer for five years, and at that time handled about $10,000 annually; and has for very many years furthered movements that sought to bring improvement in the township roadways. He is one of the prominent republican leaders of that part of the county, and has been particularly prominent in local option activities. He handled the first local option petition in 1890. That effort was defeated, but it was renewed in 1892, and with success, for Beaver Township has been dry since that year, whereas there were formerly three saloons in the township. In such valuable public work Mr. Yoder has proved himself to be a citizen of high moral standard,

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and throughout his manhood he has been a member of the Reformed Church, for many years having been an elder of the local church.

In 1890 he married Jennie M. Arner, daughter of Frank and Lizzie (Shanefield) Arner, who are still residents in Beaver Township. His wife, Jennie M., was born in Canfield, and went to school in that township. Eventually she became a teacher, and as such was connected with schools of Boardman and Beaver townships prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder have one child, their son Leonard A., who was a graduate of the local high school and afterward attended the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. When the war came he went from college to Columbus to enlist, and saw ten months of war service with the naval forces, being stationed at Hampton Roads, Virginia, which waters were visited by German submarine raiders. After receiving honorable discharge from the United States navy young Yoder resumed his interrupted college course at Pittsburgh, where he is still a student.

Charles F. Lee, superintendent of the Mahoning County Infirmary, Canfield Township, was born at Poland, Mahoning County, on July 2, 1873, the son of Edward and Amanda (Boyd) Lee. His parents are now dead, but Edward Lee is remembered in Poland as a good citizen and successful farmer, and other references to the Lee family will be found elsewhere in this current work in the sketch written concerning Bernard Lee, a cousin well known in the county.

Charles F. grew to manhood in his native township, in due course attending the Poland district school, and later associating with his father in the work of the home farm. He was of engineering inclination, and early learned much of mechanics. As a young man he ran a threshing machine engine in his home district, and later became engineer at a planing mill. In 1905 he took service with the county, being then appointed engineer at the county infirmary, with which he has ever since been identified. For four months he was engineer of the institution under the administration of Superintendent Marshall, and for more than ten years under the latter's successor, R. S. Taylor. In 1915 Mr. Lee succeeded Mr. Taylor as superintendent, being appointed by Prosser and Wier, who at that time constituted the board of directors of the institution. Subsequently, when the institution passed into the control of the three county commissioners direct, he was confirmed in the office by the three commissioners, Shale, Morgan and Speer. His administration has been eminently satisfactory, and he has demonstrated that he is an executive of high grade, as well as an engineer of good practical ability. He has held an effective supervision over all the varied activities of the infirmary, which when he first became superintendent housed about 200 patients or inmates. The institution operates an extensive farm, 337 acrs, the product of which is the main source of income of the institution. In addition to large quantities of vegetables and fruit, most of which are consumed by the inmates; the farm yields yearly 800 bushels of wheat and 2,000 bushels of oats, and in addition there is a dairy of about thirty cows. The building was erected in 1897, but the main portion was gutted by fire in 1909, the new structure being erected on the walls of the old, which, with steel reinforcement inside, were found to be strong enough for the purpose. The institution of course has its serious and essential purpose, and the administration aims essentially at service rather than beauty, but in the efficient, well-ordered operation of the property it has been possible to combine much that is pleasing to the sight. The infirmary buildings and spacious grounds in fact constitute, in combination with the surrounding landscape, one of the beauty spots of the county, and its maintenance in productive usefulness and orderliness reflects in great measure the capabilities and characteristics of its present superintendent, who is respected by many, and is generally well regarded. Mr. Lee is a member of the North Jackson Lodge of the Knights of Pythias order, and he has many friends throughout the county.

He was forty years old when he married Mayme Schisler, who is now matron of the institution, and as such is an effective co-worker with her husband.

Marco Antonelli, one of the oldest Youngstown residents of Italian birth, for many years has achieved a progressive success in local business and is a man of the highest standing, especially among his fellow countrymen.

He was born in Agnone, Campobasso, Italy, March 15, 1857, and acquired the equivalent of a common school education and as a boy learned the lockmaker's trade. On July 22, 1873, he arrived in the United States, being then seventeen years of age. His destination was Youngstown. Too young to work in the mines, he found employment on the outside at 50 cents a day at Coalburg. Later he spent a few months in Pennsylvania, and was at Buena Vista when three Italians were killed during a strike. He also worked in Pittsburgh on construction work on Forty-eighth Street. Returning to Coalburg, he was a water boy six months, being paid 75 cents a day. Then for the first time he became a regular miner, working inside. He spent two years in and at the mines, and for two years was in the Brown-Bonnell plant.

This is a brief sketch of his activities until 1881, when he returned to Italy to claim his bride, Giovina Dicamillo, who was born in the Province of Campobasso. He returned with her to the United States. Ten children were born to their marriage, four of whom are still living: Dr. Rocco M. Antonelli, a graduate of the Rayen High School, the State University and the Cincinnati Medical College, a prominent physician at Akron, and with an honorable record in the medical department of the army during the World war; Thomas E., a Youngstown attorney; Christina, wife of Gelsi Passarelli, of Youngstown; and Josephine, wife of C. Milano, of Youngstown. The mother of these children died January 4, 1897. In 1898 Mr. Antonelli married Mrs. Gabriele Farando. She died December 4, 1917, leaving two children, Wilhelmina and Albert, both of whom are now students in the Rayen High School.

Mr. Antonelli after returning to the United States with his bride again found employment at the Brown-Bonnell mills, but left that and renting fourteen acres of land became a market gardener. For three years he worked with all the strength and skill at his command, made a living, but was able to accumulate only some two hundred dollars. Seeing little future in this business, he next became foreman of construction on railroads and public works, and for twenty-three years was engaged in that line, a business that brought him a broad acquaintance and much experience in the handling of labor. He then invested part of his capital in a grocery business at 384 East Federal Street, subsequently moving to 382 East Federal. He added a baking shop, and also opened a Foreign Exchange Bank. He did an extensive business as agent for ten or twelve steamship lines, and his long residence, proved integrity and ability brought him a generous and extensive patronage. Mr. Antonelli is now practically retired from business.

He was one of the builders of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and is a republican in politics. He took out citizenship papers many years ago and is a stanch upholder of American institutions. A fact worthy of mention is that Mr. Antonelli was the first Italian-American citizen in Mahoning County and cast his first presidential vote for Garfield, in 1880. He could not speak a word of English when he came to this country. As a reader and student he has sought to keep in touch with the great issues and discussions of the day. He has given his children and the children of his second wife all the advantages of schools that money could buy, and has the satisfaction of seeing his sons and daughters well placed in the world.

Jesse B. Fitch, a prosperous farmer of Canfield Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, has lived in Mahoning County all his life, and is well regarded in his home and Canfield townships. He was born in Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County, May 1, 1871, the son of Frank and Martha (McNielly) Fitch, the former, who is now deceased, having been a respected farmer of that township. Mrs. Martha (McNielly), mother of J. B., however, is still living, and in comfortable circumstances at Ellsworth Centre.

Jesse B. was the second of their five children, three of whom however are now deceased, the only other survivor of Jesse's generation of the Fitch family being his sister Lizzie, who now cares for her mother at Ellsworth Centre. The deceased brothers and sister were: Charles, who died in 1918, at the age of forty-six years, his widow surviving and now being a resident of Canfield; John, who died in infancy; and Bertha, who reached the age of twenty years before she died. Jesse B. grew to manhood on the home farm, attended the village school in his boyhood, and after leaving school took up farming pursuits, giving his time and energies with filial earnestness to labors upon his father's farm. He remained at home until he married, that important event taking place on December 28, 1891, he being then twenty years old. He married Amanda Knauf, daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Hardman) Knauf, the former a neighboring farmer in Ellsworth Township, and the family being one of long residence in the Mahoning Valley. Henry and John Knauf, brothers of Amanda, still occupy the old Knauf homestead in Ellsworth Township. Amanda Knauf was a few years older than her husband, being twenty-three years old when they married. Soon afterward Jesse B. Fitch rented the original homestead of Richard Fitch, his grandfather, who was one of the pioneer settlers in Ellsworth Township. The farm at that time was owned by the heirs of Colbert Fitch, who had been killed by lightning. For eleven years after they had married Jesse B. and Amanda (Knauf) Fitch lived on that farm, all of their children being born on that homestead of their ancestor, and by good farming and industrious, well-directed efforts Jesse B. Fitch became comfortably circumstanced. In 1902 his father died, which brought a change in his affairs, Jesse B. soon thereafter moving to his father's farm, part of which he had inherited. For seven years he operated the property in partnership with his brother Charles. At the end of that time he sold his interest in the property to his brother and purchased the Charles Broughton farm of eighty-seven acres, situated about two miles southwest of Canfield Village in Canfield Township, on the Canfield-Salem Road. During the eleven years he has owned and operated that farm Jesse B. Fitch has very considerably improved it. He has rebuilt the barn, has erected a silo, has remodeled the house, and in many ways has given proof that his farming has been successful. He has closely studied modern developments of farming, and has adopted many of the modern methods of scientific farming. He has been especially interested in the science of stock breeding, and has taken full advantage of the opportunities presented to him as an agricultural student by the close proximity of the experimental station, and has brought his land into a high state of fertility by a proper understanding of the value of chemical fertilizer. In all, he has shown that he is abreast of the times in matters that concern agriculture, and in many ways has shown himself to be a man of sound business logic. These qualities have all contributed to bring him into his present state of monetary stability. He has a very desirable home, and has what is of more value, perhaps, the respect of his neighbors, who have found him substantial and reliable. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, and has actively cooperated in its aims. During the war he manifested a helpful patriotism, contributing to the various war issues of financial character, and also giving practical help to the cause and to the wish of the National Department of Agriculture by more closely devoting himself to matters of production upon his own farm so as to bring an increased yield where that has been possible. As a dairy farmer Mr. Fitch is prospering by following modern methods. His valuable herd of Jersey cattle shows that he places proper importance on pedigree. And he has entered extensively into the breeding of Chester White hogs.

Politically Mr. Fitch is a republican but he has been a republican quite without selfish motive, for

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he has never sought political office. As a matter of fact, he has felt that thoroughness in his own work, in matters pertaining to his own farming enterprises, should be his first aim. And that has taken practically all his time. In other words, he is a man of industry, not of politics, and as such he has reached an enviable standing among his neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitch had four children. Their first-born, a son, Frank L., was developing into useful manhood when, at the age of twenty-two years, his life ended suddenly, a bull on a neighboring farm goring him to death. The two surviving children of Jesse B. and Amanda (Knauf) Fitch are: Odessa May, who married Ray N. Lynn, who is in mercantile business, manager of the Stark Dry Goods Company, Canton, Ohio, and who is a veteran of the World war, having served nearly a year in France with the American Expeditionary Forces, and having been of course in military service for more than a year. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Fred C., is also a veteran, having been in the United States army during the war. His service was with a heavy artillery unit, and he was in the army for more than a year. After receiving honorable discharge he returned home, and was connected with the Republic Rubber Company for a time and at present is employed by the Republic Steel Company of Youngstown. He lives with his parents. The other deceased child of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch is their daughter Nora B., who did at the age of eleven years.

Henry M. Hunt was a citizen of Mahoning County who lived well and did his part as an industrious farmer, and had the complete respect of his fellow men though he was unostentatious and sought none of the honors of politics or public affairs.

This is an old family of the Mahoning Valley. His parents were Horace and Galetsy (Ruggles) Hunt. Horace Hunt was born August 21, 1805, and died March 13, 1891. His wife was born August 1, 1808, and died April 6, 1883. All of their children are now deceased except Alice M. and Azor R. The latter is now living at Pittsburgh, and for many years was prominent in the steel industry, at one time being general superintendent of the Carnegie Works at Homestead. His sister Alice has never married and lives with him at Pittsburgh. Another son, Chauncey, was a lumber manufacturer and later a lumber dealer at Windom, Ohio.

Henry M. Hunt was born August 7, 1853, on the farm that is still occupied by his family. He spent his life in that one locality. The Hunt farm is two miles southwest of Canfield Village. He possessed an ordinary education, and went about his business as a general farmer with good common sense and industry and provided well for those dependent upon him. He was an active member and elder of the Presbyterian Church and was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The home that now shelters the surviving members of his family was built in 1894, and in 1906 he put up the substantial barn.

Henry M. Hunt died February 26, 1913. May 27, 1880, he married Maggie E. Stewart, a daughter of James and Ann (Wilson) Stewart, who were married in Ireland and about 1837 came to the United States with their two children and soon afterward settled in Canfield Township, where they lived out their lives. James Stewart died in 1891 and his wife in 1895. Mrs. Hunt was born near her present home June 11, 1853. She is the mother of two children, Floyd C. and Edith M. The daughter has spent her life in the home circle. The son Floyd, who was born April 8, 1881, finished his education in the Northeast Ohio Normal School at Canfield, under the principalship of J. B. Bowman. The buildings of this old educational institution are now used as part of the centralized public school system. At his father's death Floyd Hunt took charge of the home farm, and has carried on its affairs and has also made himself a progressive factor in the rural community. He and his family are members of the Grange and he is interested in the Farm Bureau, in the Mahoning County Supply Company, and has served on his local school board. He is a republican and an Odd Fellow. Mr. Hunt during the last five or six years has laid a great deal of tile on his land, and otherwise has improved the home both for comfort and for productiveness.

In 1911 he married Sarah Margaret Manchester, daughter of Benjamin L. and Rebecca (Bowman) Manchester, of Green Township. Her mother is still living at the old Manchester farm and her father died in November, 1912. Mrs. Floyd Hunt was for several years a popular teacher in the home locality. They have one child, Marian Kathleen.

William Edgar Leedy. A resident of Youngstown forty years, since early childhood, William Edgar Leedy has had opportunity to play many parts, had an active experience for a number of years in the local steel and iron mills, but has undoubtedly done his best work in the field of real estate and real estate development and building.

Mr. Leedy was born at Bryan, Ohio, June 15, 1875. William Gillespie Leedy, his father, was a native of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Jacob Leedy, soon afterward moved to Baltimore, where William G. was reared and educated. Jacob Leedy and his four sons spent their active lives in the tobacco business. From Baltimore the family moved to Bryan, Ohio, and from there to Youngstown about 1877. While living at Baltimore and at the beginning of the Civil war, Jacob Leedy, who was exceptionally skilled in music, enlisted in the Union Army, being assigned to duty as a musician and rising to the rank of major. Jacob Leedy died at Youngstown, survived by his wife about one year. They had celebrated their sixty or more years of wedded life about one year prior to his death.

William Gillespie Leedy and two of his brothers were in the Civil war under their father, in the drum corps. William G. Leedy had a singular talent as a musician and also much native ability with pen and brush. At sixteen he was appointed an instructor in the drum corps. At that age he drew from observation a scene at the battle of Vicksburg

in which he was a participant. This sketch by the youthful artist is highly prized by his descendants. He had entered the army at fifteen and on account of the severity of the campaign in which he engaged he was left broken in health for the rest of his life. He died in September, 1904. His wife was Sallie Irish Miller, of Frederick, Maryland, whom he met during the war. All of their seven children are living, as is also the widowed mother.

W. Edgar Leedy from the age of four grew up in Youngstown, acquired a public school education, studying two years in the Rayen High School. For a time was a clerk with the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company and subsequently transferred to the laboratory and eventually was put in charge of that department. He continued with the company until the Phoenix furnace was torn down, after which he was employed at the Hannah furnace about the time it came under the ownership of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and subsequently was employed at the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company as a weigher of metals and subsequently as foreman.

On leaving the iron and steel industry Mr. Leedy organized the Youngstown Engineering Company. However, for a period of two years he gave most of his time as a stockholder of the McElroy Company, selling furniture. Realizing the growth of the city and the great scarcity of houses, he next conceived the idea of building an apartment house. This idea was comparatively new, as but few buildings of this character had been erected, except in the larger cities. He was able after a year of work to interest the men who are now his associates in The Apartment House Company, to erect the "Lincoln," which was the first building of its kind in the city. This company has been very successful and owns some valuable real estate in the down town district. Later he took over the development of the North Heights Land Company, above Wick Park, which was formerly the golf links of the Youngstown Country Club, and was the first operator to realize the possibility of this becoming a principal residential district. With this thought in mind he conceived the idea of selling this property with certain restrictions, which had never been done in Youngstown before in the sale of this class of property. He imposed restrictions with respect to the size of the lot, character of building, and the distance the building should be erected from the street line. Soon after this the Realty Trust Company was organized and he was associated with it until shortly after the Stambaugh Building was erected, at which time he and Angus S. Wade formed a partnership under the firm name of Wade and Leedy and in a short time built up a prosperous business, supervising the erection of the Wick-Salow-Wells building, now occupied by Woolworth Company, the Youngstown Country Club, and several other attractive residences, including the C. H. Booth residence. Mr. Leedy also helped with the organization of the Realty Security Company and acted as secretary for three years, after which time he opened an office for himself and has since been actively engaged in the real estate business.

Mr. Leedy worked for three years on experiments with an alloy for steel, which proved to be very effective, and helped to bring about the organization of the Electric Alloy Steel Company, which bids fair to become one of the thriving industries of this valley.

At present his chief business interests are indicated by his office as president of the Federal Stores Company, as secretary and treasurer of the Apartment House Company, president of the Wilbur B. Young Company, and vice president of the McDonald Land Company. He is a member of Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club. Mr. Leedy is also interested in the Real Estate Board, of which he was president for two years, and upon his retirement as president was made honorary president. He was, in fact, the founder of this board, and served also on the advisory board and as trustee of the Ohio State Association.

July 9, 1902, Mr. Leedy married Louise Patterson, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Samuel Robertson and Jennie (Stewart) Patterson, of an old and prominent family of Beaver Falls. Their children are W. Edgar, Jr., Robert Patterson, James Stewart, Jane Louise and John Richard.

William Allen Chubb. While the Youngstown district is pre-eminently industrial in its character, agriculture is by no means a forgotten art, and here have been many evidences in recent years of an awakened interest in the products of the fields and also of a "get together spirit" on the part of the farmers and producers not only in matters affecting the productive end of their business, but also in co-operative buying and marketing.

The central organization that affords a medium through which the men of the farms in Mahoning County now work is the County Farm Bureau, the secretary of which is William Allen Chubb, who for a number of years has been a man of prominence and leadership among the farmers and stockmen of the county.

Mr. Chubb represents the fourth generation of his family in Mahoning County. His great-grandfather, Henry Chubb, came from Pennsylvania, and acquired a tract of land in Canfield Township covered with heavy timber and fashioned a log cabin for his first home in the wilderness. The second generation was represented by William and Sarah Chubb, the only children of Henry to reach mature years. As a youth William Chubb helped clear some of the land of the old homestead and spent a life of industry. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in 1868. He married Frederica Renkenberger, who came to this country from Germany at the age of three years. She died in 1890, at the age of seventy-five.

Of the four children of William and Frederica Chubb the only son to grow up was the late Ensign Chubb, who was born in a log cabin on the old Chubb homestead in Canfield Township in 1845. He spent all his life there, improving and cultivating the farm, and died April 22, 1897, at the age of fifty-two. He married Marietta Flickinger, who was born at East Lewiston, Mahoning Co., in January, 1855. The parents, Aaron and Mary Ann (Messerly) Flickinger, came from the mountainous region of Pennsylvania and for sixty years or more had their

home in Boardman Township. Aaron Flickinger is now deceased, but his widow is still living, and she and Mrs. Ensign Chubb are together. The children of Ensign Chubb and wife were William Allen, Mary Eldora and Blanche. Mary Eldora is the wife of Frank Lyon, and their children are named Leland, Blanche, Catherine, who died in childhood, Leslie, Walter and Wilma. Blanche Chubb became the wife of Park D. Coler, and her three children are Evelyn, Erna and Samuel.

William Allen Chubb was born on the old homestead first settled by his great-grandfather on March 22, 1875. That old homestead is 2½ miles south and a half mile east of his present home. His residence is the old Lynn farm, seven miles southwest of Youngstown and three miles northeast of Canfield. This farm comprises 197 acres, all highly developed and used as a model grain and stock farm. Mr. Chubb grew up on the Chubb homestead, attended district schools and finished his education in the Northeastern Ohio Normal College at Canfield. He has always been deeply interested in and a student of farm management and livestock production. For two seasons before his marriage he was a dealer in trotting horses. He has exhibited farm produce at county fairs, and was one of the leaders in the establishment of the old Mahoning County Improvement Association, organized July 26, 1913. The present Farm Bureau is logically the outgrowth of the old improvement association. While the Farm Bureau has been in existence under that name only about a year, it now has 1,300 members, and monthly meetings are held in the office of the county agricultural agent at Canfield. Each township has a vice president, who is the executive representative for the farmers in his constituency. Nearly all the detail business of the bureau is handled by Mr. Chubb as secretary. During 1919 more than 3,000 tons of fertilizer were purchased through the Farm Bureau, though only half as much was supplied as was needed. Purchases in large lots effect an obvious saving not only in freight, but by the wholesale rates obtainable in the case of large quantities. The Farm Bureau also secured binder twine used by the farmers. An auxiliary of the Farm Bureau is the Mahoning County Supply Company, the stockholders all being members of the Farm Bureau. This company has secured ground for a warehouse at Canfield, and has also bought the North Jackson mill. The manager of the supply company at Canfield is A. A. Stahl.

Mr. Chubb also served eight years as a member of the Canfield School Board and for several years has been a township committeeman. He is a democrat in politics, is affiliated with the Canfield Grange, and is a member of the Methodist Church at Canfield. He owns some property on Elmwood Avenue in Youngstown.

December 24, 1895, Mr. Chubb married Maude R. Lynn, who was born on the old Lynn farm where she now resides October 17, 1876. She is a daughter of Walter J. and Ella (Norton) Lynn, residents of Youngstown. Mrs. Chubb was the oldest of five children, the others being Frank, Ray, Ross and Ethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Chubb have an interesting family of young people growing up in their home. Their children in order of birth are: Willard E., Wilmer, Russell A., Harland, Thalia and Thelma, twins, Thorn, Cecil, Arlis and Hilda. Willard E. is now an office man with the Brier Hill Steel Company and lives at Youngstown, married Sylvia Hiner, and has a daughter, Esther. Wilmer is in the office of the Republic Steel Company at Youngstown and is unmarried. He was called in the draft, then his call was deferred, and he never got into the army during the fighting.

Calvin Neff, another representative of the fifth generation of the Neff family in Mahoning County, is a successful grocery merchant at Canfield, and has given nearly all his life to commercial lines.

He is one of the children mentioned in the story of his father, John E. Neff, on other pages of this publication. He was born on the old Neff farm east of Canfield, July 24, 1879, and finished his education in the Northeast Ohio Normal School at Canfield. At the age of nineteen he went to work as clerk in the general store of Lynn, Brice & Company. His wages were five dollars a month. He remained with that concern seven years, and by that time his salary had been increased to twenty dollars a month. That was less than twenty years ago, and in the present dizzy era of high prices for everything in the Mahoning Valley it would appear that Calvin Neff was earning a great deal more than he was paid.

Following that came a four-year period which he spent on his father's old farm. March 14, 1911, he engaged in his present business at the old Huxson location. His father was his business associate at the beginning. In 1919 Mr. Neff bought the real estate, had the building thoroughly overhauled, and the value of the store property alone is now six thousand dollars. It occupies the choicest central location in the village. Mr. Neff carries a stock of goods valued at five thousand dollars, and each year has seen a steady and satisfactory increase of sales.

Mr. Neff is a democrat in politics and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For several winters past he and his wife have gone to Florida. In July, 1911, he married Alura H. Harding, daughter of George and Lucretia (Musser) Harding. Her father, now deceased, was a retired resident of Canfield.

C. H. Neff, who for twenty years has supplied much of the energy for the mercantile life of Canfield, is a son of John E. Neff, an honored resident of Canfield, whose story has been briefly reviewed on other pages.

The Neff family is one of the oldest in the Mahoning Valley. It was established here in 1802 by Conrad Neff, who was one of a party that traveled overland from Berks County, Pennsylvania, with Conestoga wagons. Conrad Neff bought 140 acres near the present village of Canfield, and while clearing the land he used his trade as a mason to the advantage of himself and his neighbors. He and his wife died there at the age of seventy years. Of their children John Neff was born in 1795, and was seven years of age when brought to Mahoning

County. While he had very meager educational opportunities, he was a man of energy and intelligence and accumulated a large property. He bought some of his land at $2.50 an acre. Besides owning as high as 600 acres of farm land, he was honored by various township offices. He died in April, 1861, just a week after the Civil war began. His wife was Elizabeth Kline, whose father, Abraham Kline, was another pioneer of Mahoning County. Of the children of John and Elizabeth (Kline) Neff the youngest was Martin, the father of John E. Neff and the grandfather of the Canfield merchant. Martin Neff spent his active life as a farmer and stock dealer. He married Catherine Wilson, and the oldest of their five children was John E. Neff.

C. H. Neff, whose first Christian name is Cyrus, was born in Canfield Township February 28, 1881, grew up in the village and in the surrounding country and acquired good advantages in the local schools. He was nineteen years of age when in 1900 he began his business career as junior member of the firm Callahan & Neff. These men were associated as partners until 1913, when Mr. Neff became sole owner of the business. At first they confined their efforts to dealing in grain and mill feed. Subsequently they added a coal department, and in 1916 Mr. Neff bought out the Farmers Lumber Company. Besides handling lumber and other building supplies he operates a planing mill and makes all frames and interior work. His business career therefore has been a very progressive one. Mr. Neff is a dealer in grain, mill feed, flour, hides, lumber and building supplies.

At the age of twenty-three he married Miss Melvie Waters. They have two daughters, Marjorie and Mary.

Eli Baldwin, son of Simeon and Mercy Baldwin, was born in New Milford, Connecticut, on May 11, 1777. His father, Simeon Baldwin, was the grandson of Richard Baldwin, the first who came from England to America on the ship Martin in 1638. Simeon Baldwin was commissary and paymaster during the Revolutionary war and was actively engaged in many capacities during that period, especially in the care of wounded soldiers and their families, and devoted his entire fortune to the cause.

When his son, Eli Baldwin, was twenty-four years of age he was appointed general land agent for the Connecticut Land Company of the Western Reserve. He left New Milford on April 15, 1801, and arrived in Boardman, Ohio, on May 1st. He superintended the survey of both land and many of the roads in Mahoning and other counties, and laid out the Town of Medina, Ohio. He was also employed by Elijah Boardman, of New Milford, Connecticut (a large land owner, and for whom the Township of Boardman was named), in his store and mill as manager or superintendent.

In 1805 he married Mary Newport, daughter of Jesse Newport, a Quaker, who with his two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, came from Duck Creek, near Philadelphia, to Youngstown, Ohio, in May, 1800.

The tradition in the Newport families is that they were the lineal descendants of Christopher Newport, who brought the first colonists to America. Thomas Newport, the father of Jesse Newport, was originally an Episcopalian, but after his marriage joined the Society of Friends. His daughter Mary, for whom the wife of Eli was named, being disappointed in love at an early age decided, in accordance with Quaker belief that a woman had the same right as a man to use her talents to the best advantage, went to Philadelphia in 1760. Those who have read Richard Carvell will remember that he pictured his Maryland Belle eking out an insufficient income by making and selling the delicacies that were served so generously in all of the eastern plantation households. Mary Newport had a broader view of making her culinary skill serve to found a future for herself and family. As she had money to invest in business, she purchased property near the home of Betsy Ross, where she conducted a first-class bakery, tailoring, dressmaking and millinery establishment, from the revenues of which she derived a considerable income. She also conceived the idea that if she made schools of these establishments the wealthy Quakers would pay her handsomely to have their daughters instructed in these vocations, it being obligatory that their daughters should be taught household economy in every detail. All her ventures proved successful, but it was the bread that saved the day. When Washington was at Valley Forge, and the British had possession of the city, she sent her bread free through the lines to Washington and charged the British two prices for theirs. The British Generals were quartered in her home during Howe's occupation of the city. When they settled their accounts the amount filled her apron with gold and silver so that she bent under the weight of it. She was very generous with her money, having set her two younger brothers up in business, from which they acquired large fortunes. She also gave her namesake, Mary Newport, wife of Eli Baldwin, the money, for a wedding present, with which she bought a large tract of land in Ohio, also her share of her aunt's silver plate was made over into spoons and she also received from her a generous share of china and other household articles of value.

Eli Baldwin held many offices. He was the first justice of the peace, the first postmaster, military captain and county commissioner. His appointment as postmaster, written and signed by Andrew Jackson, is still in possession of his descendants. He was a member of the State House of Representatives one term and the Senate three terms, when, in 1822, he ran for Congress but lost his election to Elisha Whittlesey by sixty-six votes, there being three candidates. He was afterward elected twice to the House and twice to the Senate. In 1836 he was the democratic candidate for governor of Ohio, and was again defeated by a small majority—Joseph Vance being the successful candidate. He was popularly called Judge Baldwin, which was no doubt an honorary title, as he had never either studied or practiced law, except in the capacity of law maker.

His entire time after the election of 1836 was devoted to his own business interests, having by that time established a flour mill, also a sawmill, carding, fulling and cloth dressing mills, on the

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banks of Mill Creek, which property now belongs to Mill Creek Park in the City of Youngstown. He was a public spirited man, being always ready to serve the people who were in need of his services as well as the community at large.

Like many other persons Eli Baldwin had his eccentricities, one of these being extreme absent mindedness.

He was a staunch Presbyterian and used to ride into Youngstown to church on Sunday morning, putting up his horse in the stables belonging to the McCoy tavern on the public square. As a warm friend of the family he always dropped into the tavern to exchange greeting and enquire the news of the day, where frequently a copy of a Pittsburgh paper would be handed him. Very soon he would become so absorbed in its contents that before he would come to himself it would be about noon and past the hour of service, when he would sadly mount his horse and ride home to make the best excuses he could to his wife and family. Possibly if no questions were asked, no excuse was necessary.

Jesse Baldwin, the third son of Eli and Mary Newport Baldwin, was born in Boardman Township on April 9, 1815. He received a common school education, and also taught school a few terms. He was very anxious to enter college and to study and practice law. When his father (whose absence from home many winters during the sessions of the State Legislature) gave him charge of his flouring mill, which occupied the site of the old mill now standing in Mill Creek Park, and which now belongs to the City of Youngstown, he promised him the proceeds from the sale of the flour and grain with which the mill was well stocked, when a June freshet carried away the mill with all its contents. This put an end to the plans he had made for his future career, and he then continued in the milling business.

About 1842 he bought an interest with Abner Osborne in a mill and store at Girard, which proved a very successful venture. In five years thereafter he purchased the site of the City Mills in Youngstown and erected a flouring mill and a sawmill.

In 1842 he married Lucy Patrick, a daughter of Arthur Patrick, of Scotch-Irish descent. Arthur Patrick kept the tavern for many years at the centre of Boardman, the half way stopping place of the stage coach route between Pittsburgh and Cleveland. The tavern was a noted one, and occupied the northeast corner of Boardman centre. Arthur Patrick was postmaster for many years and also a justice of the peace.

The mill at Youngstown also proved to be a successful business venture. Jesse Baldwin associated with him two of his brothers, Homer and George. One of them he put in charge of the Youngstown Mill and the other the mill at Girard, having himself become engrossed in politics, being an ardent and active member of the republican party when it was first organized. He made many speaking tours during political campaigns. He was a close friend of many leading politicians of the day, among whom was Salmon P. Chase. He worked indefatigably for Mr. Chase when he ran for and was elected governor of Ohio.

Jesse Baldwin was closely identified with the growth and prosperity of the then thriving village of Youngstown. He was a public spirited citizen, always alive to Youngstown's best interests. He was also a promoter and stockholder in the Cleveland and Mahoning Valley Railroad.

In 1860 Mr. Baldwin was elected to the State Legislature and also attended the convention at Chicago that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President. During the first session of the Legislature he was appointed one of a committee to escort President-elect Lincoln from Cincinnati to Columbus in his journey to Washington for his first inauguration.

At the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861 Mr. Baldwin was chairman of the finance and ways and means committee. He was busily engaged in raising the necessary funds for equipping our troops and other expenses connected with carrying on the war.

As Mr. Baldwin was very fond of perpetrating jokes on others, perhaps one on himself would not come amiss in this history, as it is quoted from the Cleveland Leader in an article entitled "Incidents in the Life of Jesse Baldwin, written by an old friend and colleague." In speaking of his character he said, Mr. Baldwin was a valuable member of the Ohio Legislature, of indefatigable industry, ever watching the interests of the public, and particularly those of his constituents. He was a man of positive opinions, and some eccentricities. Among the latter was one of offering amendments to many of the bills. At the close of one session and after the real business was finished, the members got together to hold a mock session. On this occasion a witty member was elected clerk and pretended to make a journal of the last day's proceedings. He was expected to make a good natured allusion to each individual as their name was called. On this occasion Peter Hitchcock of Geauga County officiated as clerk. When the name of Mr. Baldwin was called, Mr. Hitchcock said "And Mr. Baldwin will now offer an amendment to The Lord's Prayer."

In August of 1861 Mr. Baldwin sustained a severe injury as the result of a runaway accident, and although in time he regained his physical health, he did not recover his clear mental faculties, and was thus debarred from participation in those pursuits and occupations for which he was most eminently qualified.

Hiram J. Beardsley, who is the owner of one of the largest and best farms in Canfield Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, and is one of the respected and capable public workers of that section of the county, comes of one of the families of early residence in that section. He is a successful farmer, a public-spirited citizen, and has been especially prominent in movements that sought to appreciably improve the roads through the township. He is vice president of the Farmers National Bank of Canfield, has been township trustee and is a member of the School Board.

He was born on the Newton farm east of Canfield on August 3, 1878, the son of Almus and Mary P.

(Dean) Beardsley. The Dean and the Beardsley families were from Connecticut, and of colonial record in that state. Philo and Esther (Curtis) Beardsley, great-grandparents of Hiram J., lived in that state. His grandparents were Philo and Lois S. (Gunn) Beardsley, both born in Connecticut, the former in 1794. Further details regarding the eight children of Philo and Esther (Curtis) Beardsley will be found elsewhere in this edition of Mahoning Valley history. In early manhood Philo (2) Beardsley came into the Western Reserve of Ohio, and for a short time was of record in Hubbard. He soon returned to Connecticut, however, but not long afterward returned with his wife and settled about half a mile to the northward of the present home of his grandson, Hiram J. He lived there for the remainder of his life, which ended when he had passed his seventieth year. Almus, father of Hiram J., operated the home farm in the last years of his father's life. Philo was twice married, his first wife dying when Almus was about nineteen years old. His second wife was a widow of the name of Smith, but whether that was her marital cognomen or her pre-nuptial patronymic does not appear in data at present available.

Almus was one of the twelve children of Philo, and was born in Canfield Township, Mahoning County, on January 2, 1829. He grew into sturdy, self-reliant manhood, and before he had attained majority he used to take stock long distances. He was twenty years old when he drove sheep over the mountains to Philadelphia, at the insignificant pay of forty cents daily. He walked back, accomplishing forty-five miles on the last day. Soon afterward he went on another long journey with cattle, driving a herd into Connecticut. In such healthy activity he passed his early years. For a few years he worked for Ensign Newton, for whom he would travel through the neighborhood buying and driving in stock, and eventually taking a herd to market. Subsequently the farm upon which he was born passed into his possession, and during his busy farming life he was quite a successful breeder of Shire horses and Jersey cattle, gaining some prominence as such at the county fairs, at which for many years he was an exhibitor. He came to his present farm about forty years ago, and the cultivation of its 340 acres brought him ultimately to a position of material independence, and eventually into a comfortable state in retirement. He and his brother Philo A. were Free Soilers, and as a republican Almus cast his first vote in the presidential election of 1852. In 1886 he built the fine brick dwelling now on his property, tearing down at that time a brick residence built many years before by William Dean, a pioneer settler and grandfather of his wife. Almus Beardsley did not closely follow political movements, at least not so closely as to personally take part prominently in them, but he was a man much respected in the community, and throughout his life took interest in matters that pertained directly to the community. He was a lover of horses, and always kept a good driving horse. He was twenty-five years old when he married Mary P. Dean, daughter of Hiram Dean, and granddaughter of William, the pioneer. She was born on an adjacent farm in Canfield Township, and lived a long life, and an especially long life in marriage; in fact, she had the satisfaction of celebrating their golden wedding. They had six children: Doctor, who died in infancy; Frederick, who also died in childhood; Ensign Newton, who is now a successful farmer of Green Township, Mahoning County; Hiram J., regarding whose life more follows; Sarah, who married Willis Wilson, but is now deceased; and Ruby, who married Ewing Gault, but is now deceased.

Almus Beardsley is a man of strict religious principle. For very many years he has been a member of the local church of the Disciples of Christ denomination, and has been consistent in his general life with the tenets of that church.

Hiram J., fourth child of Almus and Mary P. (Dean) Beardsley, has lived practically all his life in close association with his father. As a boy he attended the local public school, and further took the course at the Ohio Normal College at Canfield. For fifteen years he has been in control of the parental farm of 340 acres, and he has shown that he is a farmer of enterprising mind and thorough in his operations. He is one of the large dairy farmers of that section of the county, has maintained a fine herd of Jersey cattle, and has entered extensively into the breeding of Berkshire hogs and Percheon horses. Like his father, he has had good success as an exhibitor at local fairs. He has taken consequential part in township affairs, has served as Township Trustee, and was one of the pioneers of the Good Roads movement. In association with Mark Liddle and others he was instrumental in bringing about the construction of the first state macadamized road to Youngstown. The first macadamized road through Canfield Township was the outcome of strenuous efforts exerted by Mr. Beardsley and those associated with him, and the subject is one which calls for persistent efforts still by those who have the welfare of the township at heart. Mr. Beardsley continues a keen worker in that phase of township affairs, and has also entered into other civic work. He is a member of the school board, and has concerned himself effectively in increasing the educational efficiency of the local schools. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic fraternity.

In June, 1904, he married Ellen Zeiger, daughter of John Zeiger, of New Middletown, Ohio, where the latter still lives. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Beardsley have one child, their son Dean, who is now a high school student. In 1919 Mr. H. J. Beardsley journeyed to Connecticut so that he might visit the ancentral home of the Beardsley family in Litchfield County of that state. He has an enviable standing in Canfield Township, and has for many years been a director of the Farmers National Bank of Canfield, of which he is also vice president.

Mark Henry Liddle has been one of the prominent bankers of the Mahoning Valley for thirty years. A number of years ago he was called to his present duties as cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Canfield.

The Farmers National Bank of Canfield was organized in 1887. Its cashier for twenty years was

the late Hugh A. Manchester. Alexander Dickson was president until his death in 1915. Mr. Liddle succeeded to the office of cashier when it was vacated by Mr. Manchester. Dr. Daniel Campbell has been president of the bank for several years, H. J. Beardsley is vice president, and T. C. Rose, assistant cashier.

During the World war Mr. Liddle and his bank rendered a conspicuous service to the government in the sale of war savings stamps. In the banking room is a certificate of honor awarded by the Federal Reserve Bank at Cleveland testifying to the work done by this institution in the sale of war stamps. There was no other town in the United States proportionate in population that made such a showing in stamp sales as Canfield, the aggregate sale being $130,000. The state of Ohio gave Mr. Liddle in commendation of his individual efforts two medals. He was the rural chairman for Mahoning County for the stamp sales.

Mr. Liddle was born at Poland May 6, 1864, son of James and Nancy (Loveland) Liddle. James Liddle was born in Ohio, May 14, 1834, a son of George Liddle. At the age of six years he was taken to Poland Township, but after the age of nine he lived practically among strangers, and in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois. In the early '50s he was present in the courthouse at Salem, Illinois, when Abraham Lincoln was trying a case. Part of the time he worked as a broom maker. In 1859 he permanently settled just north of Poland in Boardman Township, and thereafter gave his efforts successfully to general farming and dairying. He died in May, 1907. He cast his first presidential vote for the first standard bearer of the republican party in 1856, but in later years was rather independent in his balloting.

March 7, 1861, James Liddle married Nancy Loveland, who was born near Youngstown in 1843, and is still living at the old home at Poland. Her parents were David and Lydia (Pyle) Loveland, and her grandfather, Amos Loveland, was a Revolutionary soldier and one of the early surveyors of the Western Reserve, where he acquired 400 acres of land. Mrs. James Liddle owned ninety acres of that tract, and also the second home in which her grandfather lived.

The following is a brief record of the children of James Liddle and wife: Loveland S., whose home is at Burton, Ohio; Mark H.; John D., who became a dairy farmer and lives at Haselton; Clara E., who died in March, 1907; Thorn B., a farmer at Poland; Grace G. at home with her mother; Clyde C., who gained his early banking experience in the Youngstown district and is now a resident of Toledo; and Lydia, wife of William Findley, of Poland.

Mark Henry Liddle is one of many prominent men who acquired their early education in the old Poland Union Seminary. He also graduated from Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburgh, and acquired his early knowledge of banking as bookkeeper in the Bank at Poland, where he remained two years. For four years he was teller and bookkeeper in a bank at Girard and for a time performed similar services with the First National Bank of Youngstown. In 1894 he became cashier of the Poland Bank, holding that office for eight years. January 1, 1902, Mr. Liddle organized the Struthers Savings and Banking Company, with D. C. Cooper as president; J. Arrel Smith, vice president; and Mr. Liddle as secretary and treasurer and acting cashier. About ten years later he went to Warren as cashier of the People's Bank, but a year later was called to his present duties as cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Canfield, and has since given all his time to the upbuilding of this successful institution.

Mr. Liddle is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason, is a republican and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. May 12, 1891, he married Miss Daisy E. Seaborn, daughter of Frank and Sylvia (Ramsey) Seaborn, of Girard. Her father spent his active life as a carpenter at Girard and is now living in Florida. Her mother died May 12, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Liddle have four children, Ethel May, Eugene Mark, Carl Lester and Ruth Elizabeth. Ethel May is the wife of R. D. Fowler, a garage owner at Canfield. Eugene Mark is a graduate of the Northeastern Ohio Normal College at Canfield, and went from Youngstown into the army and for eighteen months was in France. He was a victim of the influenza, and for over a year after the close of the war was held in a hospital in a Southern camp. Carl Lester, who graduated from the Culver Military Academy in 1917, afterward completed the course of the Pelham Naval Training School, was granted a commission as ensign, and was an instructor in the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He is now a student in Columbia University of New York and a reporter on the New York World. He is also an instructor in naval tactics at the Culver Military Academy summer schools. He devotes two months each year to this work. The daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, graduated in 1918 from one of the noted women's colleges of the South, the Ward-Belmont Seminary at Nashville, and afterward assisted her father in the bank. On June 8, 1920, she married Henry J. Hine, of Canfield, assistant superintendent of the Standard Textile Company of Youngstown.

Philo A. Beardsley, retired farmer of Canfield Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, and for thirty-five years a successful farmer in Andover, Ashtabula County, is a Civil war veteran of honorable record, and comes of a family long known and of good record in Mahoning County.

He was born in Canfield Township, Mahoning County, on May 20, 1841, the son of Philo and Lois S. (Gunn) Beardsley. The Beardsley family, of colonial residence in Connecticut, was of pioneer record in the Mahoning Valley of Ohio, his parents having early settled in Canfield Township. The Connecticut home of the Beardsley family is in Litchfield County, and Philo (2), son of Philo (1) and Esther (Curtis) Beardsley, and father of Philo A., subject of this sketch, was born there in 1794. Philo (2) Beardsley came into Ohio in early manhood, and for a short time was a resident in Canfield. That trip appears to have been a prospecting journey, for he soon afterward returned to Connecticut, and shortly afterward came back into Ohio, this time with his wife, and settled in Canfield Township, where for the remainder of his life he lived. (More regarding the early generations of the

Beardsley family will be found in other references tabulated for inclusion in this edition). Philo had passed his seventieth year before he died, and had been twice married, his first wife dying when Philo A. was only about seven years old.

Philo A., son of Philo (2) and Lois S. (Gunn) Beardsley, was the youngest of their twelve children. He attended the local schools in boyhood, and afterward assisted his father and brothers in the operation of the home farm. He was not twenty years old when the Civil war began, and was one of two young patriots who went from Canfield in that year to enlist in Company F, Forty-First Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His fellow-townsman and comrade was Dillow P. Duer, who eventually was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, dying as the result thereof. Beardsley and Duer went to Cleveland to join the regiment, and Beardsley eventually participated in all the engagements and major battles in which his regiment, a unit of the Army of the Cumberland, took part with the exception of the battle of Chickamauga in September, 1863, he having been sent back to Chattanooga with a detachment of prisoners at that time. So that he was in some of the severest fighting of the whole war. In the fighting between November 30 and December 16, 1864, in Tennessee were lost 141 of 375 engaged in the battle of Franklin and the resulting battle of Nashville, which resulted in the defeat of the Confederate forces under General Hood, who sought to invade Tennessee and thus force General Sherman to turn back from Georgia. In another battle his reorganized company lost 121 out of 400 engaged. Philo A. Beardsley served a full enlistment, and, the war not being over, re-enlisted. He served in Texas for a short time, and was discharged on November 27, 1865. As was to be expected, of course, he had many exciting adventures. Once, going down the Ohio River from Nashville, the Federal boat encountered a Confederate monitor, which sank the boat within fifteen minutes, forcing the troops to jump into the river. All the horses aboard were lost, as were also all the service records of the soldiers. He had many narrow escapes from death. Once a cannon ball struck him in the shoulder, knocking him off his feet, but not seriously wounding him. His complete army record was a meritorious one. He served under Col. William B. Hazen, and advanced through all the grades from private to first lieutenant. As a non-commissioned officer he had charge of the guard at General Hazen's headquarters at Knoxville, and as a commissioned officer he spent the summer of 1865 in San Antonio Arsenal, Texas. Finally his original company was under his command, and at that time it containd only nine of the men who had enlisted in 1861. After being mustered out of military service he was for about a year in New York state, and there in 1868 he married Caroline Zeigler, soon after which he returnd to Ohio and took up his residence on a thirty-acre farm his father had given him. Three years later his father died, and it was not long after that Philo A. went to Ashtabula County, Ohio, and at twenty-seven dollars an acre bought a farming property situated in Andover Township. There he and his family lived for thirty-five years. He did some clearing of timber, rebuilt and remodeled the residence, and brought his farm into a profitable state. His wife died in May, 1901, and in August of the following year, 1902, he married Mary Hine, of Canfield, daughter of Chester and Rhoda (Wadsworth) Hine, of Canfield. Her father was a farmer west of Canfield, where she was born. He died in 1880, aged sixty-three years. After his death her mother and her three sisters, Lois, Pamela and Frances, went into Canfield village to live, where her mother died in 1883. Her sister Frances has since died, a spinster, at the age of sixty years, but her sisters Lois and Pamela still live in Canfield. Mrs. Beardsley through her mother, Rhoda (Wadsworth) Hine, comes into the genealogy of the prominent colonial Connecticut family. Benjamin Wadsworth, Doctor of Divinity, was president of Harvard University in 1725; James Wadsworth was a brigadier-general in the Continental Army in 1776; and many other scions of that family are of prominent record in legislative, professional or civic New England record of early centuries. Mrs. Beardsley's mother was a daughter of Edward Wadsworth and granddaughter of Elijah Wadsworth, who are of pioneer Ohio record. And prior to her marriage to Philo A. Beardsley, Mary (Hine) Beardsley was for fifteen years the widow of his cousin, Henry Curtis Beardsley, who died in Canfield in 1887. She was very many years his junior at the time of their marriage, and to him she bore two children, their daughter Oda, who married George Wolf, but died at the age of twenty-four years; and their son Edward, who owns a ranch in Arizona; but there has been no issue to her second marriage.

The children born to the marriage of Philo A. Beardsley and Caroline Zeigler were: Addie, who married Claude Black, a railroad official of Conneaut, Ohio; Kate, who married Albert Tinker, of Cleveland; Harry, who is in commerial life, a salesman at Conneaut, Ohio.

First Lieut. Philo A. Beardsley is affiliated with a post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Andover, Ohio, and is esteemed among his veteran comrades in that place. Fraternally he is a Mason and politically he is a republican. He has lived a consistent Christian life, and since early manhood has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Henry C. Beardsley, cousin of Philo A. Beardsley, and former husband of his wife, Mary (Hine) Beardsley, was the youngest of the eight children of Curtis and Sophia Beardsley. He had but one brother, William, who lived and died in Geauga County. The only surviving son of Henry C. is Edward Henry, of Canfield, whose second son, Jay E., is now a veteran of the World war, having served in the United States Navy, on the U. S. S. Marblehead, for two years.

Martin Kimerle, who is now living in retirement in Canfield, Canfield Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, was for very many years in good business at that place as a blacksmith and wagon builder and repairer, and at one time had quite an extensive business in the latter, his manufacture of wagons, buggies, surreys and the like providing employment for as high as nine or ten men; and throughout his

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long connection with Canfield and the county he has lived a consistent and estimable life of useful industry, and has become acquainted with most of the worth-while people of the neighborhood, most of whom had business dealings with him at some time.

He was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, January 9, 1857. His parents were people of agricultural life, his father being a farmer and weaver. He, however, scarcely remembers his father, for the latter died when Martin was in early childhood, and his boyhood was consequently passed under conditions of necessary thrift, his mother having scant means. When he was fourteen years old he left his native land and came to America, coming to Petersburg, where an aunt of his lived. That was in 1871, and the next two years were spent in energetic application to hard tasks, and his life was characterized by much thrift and self-denial. In 1878 he had so far advanced that he was able then to return to Germany to bring over to America his brother George and his sisters Barbara, now Mrs. Obenaugh, and Mary, now Mrs. Gardner, of Warren, Ohio. His sisters at that time were sixteen and eighteen years old, respectively, and during the seven years he had been away from Germany he had striven hard to reach such a position as would enable him to bring them over to America, their parents having both died before he, himself, left home. The first year he spent in America brought him little save experience, for he gave his labor, in farm work, for merely his board and room; the second year in addition he received the sum of fifty dollars. In 1873, however, he moved into Canfield, and became associated with Mathias Swank, a blacksmith and wagon builder of that place, who had been established there for thirty years. At first Martin only received fifty dollars yearly and his board, but he learned his trade thus and in course of time was able to get satisfactory wages, beginning at $1.25 per day and board, and eventually reaching $2.50 per diem. He was of strong purpose, and his thrift may be imagined when it is known that out of the per diem remuneration of $1.25 he saved $200 within the year. In 1878 the death of their guardian compelled him to hasten home to Germany for his brother and sisters. After he returned with them he resumed his blacksmithing work in Canfield, and three years later, Mr. Swank having died, he bought the shop. And his subsequent operations showed him to be a man of enterprise and good business ability. He expanded his wagon-repairing shop into a wagon and carriage building plant of appreciable importance, and until the larger factories of the country produced cheaper vehicles by the now customary mechanical methods, standardization of parts, and such like economies, Martin Kimerle's plant found steady work for nine or ten men, including painters and upholsterers, two wood-workers and three blacksmiths. Still, throughout his continuance in business he did very satisfactorily, the wagon-work latterly resolving into a repair business exclusively, although the smithy of course continued as at first. He retired in 1918, after forty-six years of independent business, so that he well earned his retirement. Three years after he became independently established he took his brother George into partnership, and they prospered well, remaining together in business until Martin retired.

Both were characteristic of the worthy producers of this country. They applied themselves steadily to their own work, content to leave political affairs and such like outside interests to others. Neither sought public office at any time, although both were staunch democrats. Religiously they are identified with the Lutheran Church, and have been since their boyhood days. They are both representative Americans, and by their actions and practical patriotism during the recent war declared themselves emphatically as such, both contributing from their private means as far as they were able to the various funded issues of the Government, and in many other ways strove to further the cause of their adopted country in the great struggle, which it is hoped will stamp the curse of militarism and the burden of armaments out of their native country in course of time.

Martin was married in 1890 to Maria Miles, of Girard; and George married Edith Yeager, of Canfield, who, however, is now deceased. George has two children, daughters, Esther and Josephine, and both now live with their parent. The family and the brothers are well regarded in Canfield generally, and are well known to agriculturists throughout the district.

ANDREW LAWTON. But few men in the Mahoning Valley have been longer and more steadily associated with one concern than Andrew Lawton, who for forty-one years has given his time and energies to one of the present departments of the Republic Iron and Steel Company. He is now superintendent of its shafting department. Along with the length of his service to this industry Mr. Lawton has always exemplified a sound public spirit and good judgment in local affairs, and is one of the men of prominence and leadership in the civic life of Youngstown.

Even as a boy he became accustomed to the regular work and employment of the great industrial section of England, Yorkshire, where he was born, November 22, 1853. He was the thirteenth in the family of fifteen born to Lamach and Mary (Barracliffe) Lawton. His father for a long period of years was connected with the worsted mills in Yorkshire. At the age of eight Andrew was a boy worker in the coal mines. Later he found work above ground in the fabric plant where his father was employed. While in England he married and, seeing no prospect for great advancement in Yorkshire, in 1879 with his wife and child, he came to America and reached Youngstown as a total stranger.

Soon after his arrival he found employment in the Brown-Bonnell plant. He made his daily work a constant opportunity for increasing skill, and in a few years was recognized by his superiors as a high class machinist. Not long afterward he was sent into the shafting department, became its night superintendent, and now for many years past has been superintendent of that department of the Republic Company.

Mr. Lawton married in England Mary Elizabeth

Swift. She died in 1908 and in 1913 he married Martha Atwood Hogue, also a native of England. Mr. Lawton has two sons, Lamach and Arthur. Lamach, who is connected with the Truscon Steel Company of Youngstown, married Catherine, a daughter of Jacob Petree, and his son, Andrew Petree Lawton was graduated from the Annapolis Naval Academy in June, 1920. Arthur Lawton, connected with the McDonald plant of the Carnegie Steel Company. married Edith, a daughter of Ferdinand Carson, and they have a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, a very promising young lady with exceptional musical talent.

Mr. Lawton is a prominent Mason, being a past master of Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, past high priest of Youngstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, past patron of the Eastern Star, is a Knight Templar and Shriner, and is a member of the Board of Directors and on the house committee of the Masonic Temple. For the past fifteen years he has been one of the valued members of the Youngstown Board of Health and is now vice president of the board. He is active in the Chamber of Commerce, a republican, a member of the Red Cross, and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Benjamin Pitney Baldwin. The old agricultural axiom that "the well tilled fields yield a golden harvest for the care and labor bestowed upon them," finds a notable verification on the farm of Benjamin Pitney Baldwin, in Milton Township fifteen miles west of Youngstown. To an industry that now more than ever has come to be regarded as worthy of the most ambitious man's efforts, Benjamin Pitney Baldwin has devoted a lifetime and having passed the age of three score and ten he is now well able to enjoy the afternoon calm of life with dignity and ease.

The house that shelters his family today was his birthplace, and there he first looked out on the world September 21, 1842. This branch of the Baldwin family was transplanted to the Mahoning Valley at the beginning of the nineteenth century and Mr. Baldwin is one of the few men in this section of Ohio who are grandsons of Revolutionary soldiers.

His grandfather was Caleb Baldwin, a native of New Jersey. A youth when the struggle for independence began, he enlisted, but his skill as a gunsmith was regarded as more valuable to the cause than if he remained in the ranks, and he was therefore assigned to duties in the modest munition works of the Revolutionary period. A number of years after independence had been achieved, he came to the West, located at Youngstown, and was one of the first justices of the peace in that community. He died at Youngstown in 1810 when about fifty years of age. Caleb Baldwin married Elizabeth Pitney, who was a member of the famous New Jersey family of Pitneys, distinguished for years as lawyers, jurists and statesmen, one member of which is now in the United States Senate. Elizabeth Pitney Baldwin died in 1849 in the house where her grandson Benjamin Pitney was born.

Benjamin Pitney Baldwin, Sr., was born at Youngstown March 16, 1802, and was one of the first white children born in that community. About 1835 he moved from Youngstown to the present Baldwin homestead in Milton Township and spent an active life as a farmer and died in October, 1882. On moving to Milton Township he bought the old John Moore farm of 150 acres, and at the time of his death was owner of 450 acres of land in that section. He married at Youngstown about 1830 Martha Pauley, who died in 1871. His second wife was Mary Louisa Parmelee, who is now living in advanced years in Texas as Mrs. Mary L. Douglas. Benjamin P. Baldwin, Sr., was the father of twelve children, and four sons and two daughters reached mature years. John who died in young manhood; James, a teacher in early life and later a farmer, died at Newton Falls, Ohio; Linus Caleb, who probably achieved the greatest wealth of any member of the family, went as a boy west to Council Bluffs, Iowa, later became manager of a distillery at Belle-Vernon, Pennsylvania, laid the foundation of his fortune in that industry, and subsequently removed again to Council Bluffs and acquired a large ranch in Wyoming, but spent his last days in Council Bluffs, where he died; Henry removed to Michigan and was killed by being kicked by a horse; Nehemiah Scott was a veteran soldier of the Union army and died in Michigan. The two daughters are: Lois, who married M. S. DePew and died in Michigan; and Harriet, living at Hiram, Ohio, widow of Alexander Pow, a brother of George Pow.

Benjamin Pitney Baldwin grew up on the homestead, completed his education in the Mahoning Academy at Canfield under David Hine, and for four years was a teacher in district schools, his first school being in Boardman Township, and he also taught in the home school and in Trumbull County. At the beginning of the Civil war he was a member of the Ohio National Guard, and he twice enlisted but each time was rejected on account of disability. About the close of the war he married and since then has been busied with farm duties. He acquired about half of his father's old farm. His father had been an extensive sheep raiser, and Benjamin P. was actively associated with his brother Nehemiah Scott for twenty-five years in the sheep and livestock industry, and they were frequent exhibitors at fairs. Mr. Baldwin has been a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Delaine sheep.

He was a pioneer in tile drainage, and for a number of years he invested all the capital he could raise to underdrain his land. Adequate drainage combined with judicious rotation and skillful tillage has converted a soil that once was pronounced worn out into a most productive condition. In fact there is no land in the county now yielding more abundant crops than that found on the Baldwin farm. Largely out of his experience and careful study he has drawn the lessons which he has applied, and many of the principles he has followed are the cardinal features of what is now known as modern scientific farming. He was one of the first to recognize the value of the use of limestone to sweeten the soil, and he still continues its liberal application.

Dr. J. S. Zimmerman

When William McKinley was governor of Ohio he gave Mr. Baldwin a commission as notary public, and that commission is still in force by subsequent renewals. About the same time he was elected a justice of the peace, and has filled that office for at least a quarter of a century. A republican in a democratic township, his fellow citizens have evidently regarded his character and personal qualifications as more important than party ties. Mr. Baldwin is also affiliated with the Masonic order.

In 1865 he married Lucy Shiveley, a native of Ohio, and of the same family of which the late Indiana Congressman Shiveley was a member. She was born in Jackson Township of Mahoning County, but her parents for many years lived in Newton Township of Trumbull County and died there. Mrs. Baldwin was a teacher in early life in Trumbull County. For fifty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have traveled life's highway together, and her thrift and ability as a home maker have been an important factor in the family success. To their marriage were born six children: Frank S., a rancher at Phoenix, Arizona; Alice M., who is principal of the South Park Avenue School at Warren; Marta L., wife of Grant Foulk of Warren; Linus R., who is a dairyman, a Holstein cattle breeder and a cotton grower at Phoenix, Arizona; Julia L. Bernice, who for eight years was a teacher in the schools of Chicago and is now the wife of J. B. Jenkins, living at Downer's Grove, Illinois; and Ruth, wife of Sherrill Orr, who lives on part of the Baldwin farm.

William H. Pritchard, president of the Niles Iron & Steel Roofing Company, has come up from the ranks of iron and steel workers, and for a number of years furnished some of the skilled labor to local plants before he engaged in business for himself.

Mr. Pritchard was born in Motherwell, Scotland, February 22, 1868, son of Edward and Sarah (Edwards) Pritchard. The same year of his birth his parents moved to Birmingham, England, where his father followed his trade as a bar mill heater. In 1878 the parents and their seven children immigrated to the United States, at once locating at Niles. Edward Pritchard found immediate employment for his skill in the mill owned by James Ward, and he continued an active worker and resident of Niles the rest of his life until his death in 1917, at the age of eighty-six. Outside of his circle of fellow workers he was best known in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Niles, of which he was a devout member. He was one of those rare characters who really lived their religion seven days in the week, and was affectionately known as "father" Pritchard, being a leader in the church and a man honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife died in 1907, and of their seven children all but one are living.

The fourth in the family, William H. Pritchard has few recollections of his life in England. He finished his education in the public schools of Niles, and when about fourteen began work at bundling scrap in the old Ward mill. When that mill passed to the Summers organization he remained and at the age of sixteen was advanced to the post of shearer. That was his official classification among the mill workers of Niles for fourteen years. When he left the mill he invested his capital in a retail shoe business, and was a successful merchant until 1911. Mr. Pritchard on January 1, 1911, became president of the Niles Iron and Steel Roofing Company, and has directed the business of that company with growing prosperity.

This is one of the older industrial organizations of Niles, having been established about thirty years ago by George and Frank Robbins, who personally or through their descendants operated the plant until it passed into the hands of the present owners.

Mr. Pritchard has played an effective part in local affairs, for twelve years was a member of the Niles Board of Education, serving as clerk three years and the last year as president, is a member of the Niles Club, the Trumbull Country Club, the Niles Chamber of Commerce and the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1887 he married Miss Annie E. Williams, of Niles. Their two children are Olive, now Mrs. Allen E. Pritchard, and Leslie E. The son Leslie saw two years of service with the colors as an infantryman in the World war. He is now secretary and treasurer of the corporation of which his father is president.

John S. Zimmerman, M. D. Since 1895 Dr. Zimmerman has practiced his profession as a physician and surgeon in Youngstown, and in addition to his private practice has handled many public responsibilities in the line of his profession, and for years has exercised a weighty influence in public health matters in the city.

Dr. Zimmerman was born at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1864, but has spent most of his life in Youngstown. His parents, Charles and Margaret (Schaum) Zimmerman, were natives of Germany, but were married in Pennsylvania. Charles Zimmerman enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment at the time of the Civil war, and gave four years to the cause of his country. He was twice wounded, in the thigh and the leg, and came out of the army with broken health. He was a butcher by trade, and in 1876 moved his family to Youngstown, where he was a highly respected resident for many years. He died in 1903, at the age of eighty, and his wife, in 1908, aged eighty-three. They were members of the Lutheran church, and their old home was on Hays Street. Of their seven sons and eight daughters, six sons and two daughters are still living, and the five in Youngstown are Charles, a retired resident living on Princeton Avenue; Louis, a wholesale meat dealer; George, who conducts a market on Oak Hill Avenue; Dr. John S.; and Mrs. McCollum, widow of David McCollum, living on West Laclede Avenue.

Dr. Zimmerman from the age of twelve years attended the public schools of Youngstown, and also the Northeast Ohio Normal at Canfield. He also worked in his father's butcher shop and through his work and savings was able to bear the larger part of the expenses involved in his medical education. Dr. Zimmerman graduated from the medical de-

partment of Western Reserve University in 1895. His first office in Youngstown was on West Federal Street, over Wick C. Gans' drug store. For many years past his office has been at 1401 Oak Hill Avenue. For a number of years he has served on the medical staff of the City Hospital, formerly was connected with the Mahoning Valley Hospital, and in 1912 took the place of Dr. Clark on the board of health. He is a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society and of the American Medical Association.

In 1890 Dr. Zimmerman married Miss Lillian Osborn, who was born on the Manning farm in the Mahoning Valley, daughter of Clark Osborn. They have two sons, Fred W., a graduate of the dental department of Western Reserve University, also of Dewey's College of Orthadontia, is specializing in this X-ray work, and is practicing in Youngstown; and Louis, a student in the South High School. The family are members of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. Zimmerman is a member of the board of trustees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias.

Fred H. Alexander and George W. Alexander, his brother, are the chief executives in the Niles Lumber Company. Both are thorough business men, widely experienced in the handling of industrial and commercial organizations.

John B. Alexander, their father, also a resident of Niles, was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1845, son of Thomas Alexander, a native Pennsylvanian who spent all his active career as a farmer. Thomas Alexander married Rebecca Lewis, and they were the parents of a large family of eleven children. John B. Alexander grew up on a farm, and his residence and activities were practically in one spot in Pennsylvania for seventy-two years. He was well educated, being a graduate of high school, and had taught for one term. His home has been in Niles since 1917. He is a member of the Christian Church. December 9, 1875, John B. Alexander married Emma Theodosia Burwell. Her father, Rev. Nimrod Burwell, was a well-known Baptist minister. She was well educated, and had taught school for twelve terms. John B. Alexander and wife had three children to reach mature years, Fred H., George W. and Ella. The daughter is Mrs. Frank Voorhies

Fred H. Alexander was born at the home of his parents at Espyville, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1881. He completed his education there in a high school, attended Allegheny College at Meadville, and the Bryant, Stratton & Smith Business College at Warren, Ohio. Practically all his active business experience has been in the lumber industry. He was first an employe of the Western Reserve Lumber Company of Warren, commencing February 12, 1900, and continuing as bookkeeper, stenographer and cashier until 1912. In that year the company sent him to Niles to perform similar services in its branch establishment in that city. Later he became one of the organizers of the Niles Lumber Company, and has been treasurer and general manager of that corporation. During the past eight years he has exercised his private influence in various ways in behalf of the prosperity of the city. He is active in the Niles Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Christian Church, is affiliated with the Masons and Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Trumbull Country Club, the Niles Club, and is a republican. September 22, 1906, he married Miss Abbie Elizabeth Graves, of Warren, Ohio. Their two children are Ralph Edward and Robert Allan.

George W. Alexander is secretary of the Niles Lumber Company. His commercial experience has been of broad variety and much responsibility.

He was born at Espyville, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1888, was reared there, and graduated from high school in 1907. For the following two years he was a student in Hiram College, and then joined R. C. Barnum Company of Cleveland as traveling salesman and secretary. Later he was in the employ of the Sterling Electric Manufacturing Company of Warren, with headquarters at Chicago, and still later became manager of the lamp department of the Central Electric Company of that city.

Owing to the advanced years of his parents Mr. Alexander returned to his native town in 1914, and there took active charge of his father's two dairy farms. His home has been at Niles since January, 1917, and here he has given most of his time to the lumber business.

He is a member of the Christian Church, is affiliated with the Odd Fellows, is a republican and a member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, the Niles Club and the Odd Fellows Club. September 29, 1909, he married Gertrude M. Guy, who died February 5, 1918. On March 5, 1919, he married Mary H. Sandmann, of Niles.

Robert M. Smith practically grew up in a New England manufacturing plant, and for the past eight years has been manager of the Stanley Works at Niles.

The home of the Stanley Works is at New Britain, Connecticut, and the house is one of the oldest and most prosperous in America. Therefore, when a plant was established in the Mahoning Valley in 1908 the fact was taken as a good omen for the increasing industrial life of this community. The Stanley Works entered the Mahoning Valley in 1908 by renting a building and operating at Girard, where the entire output at first was wrought steel washers. The manager of the Girard plant was John Fellows. In 1910 the company began building their present plant at Niles. It was opened in 1911 for the manufacture of strap and T-hinges and wrought steel washers. At the present time the business at Niles has about thirty acres, largely covered by the best fireproof construction, with 75,000 feet of floor space. The plant is thoroughly adapted for the special lines of manufacture and gives employment to about 175 people.

Robert M. Smith was born at Wallingford, Connecticut, June 12, 1881. His father, Capt. Ira B. Smith, also a native of Connecticut, gained distinction in the Civil war. For ninety days he served as a private in the Second Connecticut Infantry, and afterward was captain of Company C of the

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Seventh Connecticut Infantry. He was all through the war, fought at Fisher's Island, Bermuda Hundred, the first Bull Run, and the greater part of his service was in Florida. He was captured at Bermuda Hundred and for several months was a prisoner in the notorious stockade at Andersonville, until paroled. He was in that prison when the famous thunderstorm occurred, following which a spring of pure water was found gushing from the ground, this being the first good drinking water the prisoners had enjoyed. The spot is now marked by a marble fountain known as Providence Springs. Captain Smith is still living at the age of eighty, with home at Short Beach, Connecticut. During his active career he was a manufacturer of flat silverware, first at Wallingford, then at Bristol and afterward at Niagara Falls, New York. He has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity since 1864. Captain Smith married Susan K. Maynes, and of their three children Robert M. is the youngest.

Robert M. Smith grew up in Connecticut, had a public school education and learned the machinist's trade under his father. He entered the Stanley Works in the bolt department at New Britain, Connecticut, on November 15, 1904, as assistant foreman, and has been one of the rising executives of that industry. He was made foreman of the bolt department in January, 1906, and in June, 1907, transferred to the butt finishing department, the second largest department of the plant, as foreman. In March, 1912, the company sent him to Niles as manager of the Niles plant. He has the satisfaction of seeing the Niles plant increase in productive output fully a third since he became manager.

During the World war Mr. Smith was secretary of the Niles War Relief Board and the Niles Liberty Loan Committee. He is treasurer of the McKinley Savings & Loan Company, and is a member of the Niles Club, the Niles Chamber of Commerce and in politics a republican.

September 28, 1904, he married Miss Edith May Allen, of Bristol, Connecticut. Her father, Edward H. Allen, was a Civil war soldier in Company K of the Sixteenth Connecticut Infantry. This entire regiment was captured by the enemy, and he also spent a term in Andersonville prison, being there part of the time that Captain Smith was there, though they were not acquainted. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Gordon Allen Smith.

William O. Brown. While the greater part of Mr. Brown's active career has been identified with that old established and substantial institution of journalism in the Mahoning Valley, the Youngstown Vindicator, he had some years of experience with the local iron and steel industry, and is a member of that Brown family which has left an indelible impress upon the Mahoning Valley largely through its enterprise as iron and steel masters.

Though a resident of Youngstown most of his life, William O. Brown was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, March 29, 1876. He is a grandson of Nathaniel E. Brown, one of the founders of the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company at Youngstown. His parents were James A. and Martha J. (Martin) Brown. His father, who was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, in 1852, spent a number of years at Portsmouth, where he was a bank cashier and where he married. In 1878 he moved to Youngstown, and lived on the site of the present Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, formerly the home place of Nathaniel E. Brown. Here he was connected with the Richard Brown flour mill, and later for about twenty years with the Brown-Bonnell mills. During that period he had had his home for about six years at Bass Lake, but returned to Youngstown and died in that city in 1905. The widowed mother is still living. Her two sons are William O. and Frank L., the latter vice president of the Columbia Steel & Shafting Company of Pittsburg.

William O. Brown graduated from the Rayen High School in 1897, and spent the following six years in the iron and steel mills. With the Ohio Steel Company he began as a clerk and messenger boy, and eventually became chief clerk of the operating department. His service with the Vindicator has been continuous since 1902. He was assistant business manager for several years, and is now business manager of the paper.

During the World war Mr. Brown served as captain and ordnance officer of the Youngstown National Guard organization. He is a republican, a member of the Youngstown Club, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, and is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. September 9, 1903, he married Miss Alma M. Maag. Their two children are Elizabeth Martha and James William.

Ira A. Thomas. As merchants, iron and steel men, the Thomases have a long and conspicuous record at Niles and elsewhere in the Mahoning Valley. The present generation comprises several brothers, and their father was Thomas B. Thomas, the facts of whose career are stated on other pages.

One of the brothers, Ira A., president of the Sykes Metal Lath & Roofing Company at Niles, was born at West Austintown, Ohio, November 25, 1870. He spent the first ten years of his life in his native village, began his education in the public schools there, and when his parents removed to Niles he continued his education in that city for four years. In 1884 the family moved to Nebraska, where Ira A. Thomas had considerable experience in farming and at intervals continued his education in the Fremont Normal School in that state.

Ira A. Thomas returned to Niles in 1893 and with his brothers embarked in the dry goods business. He was active as a merchant until 1910, when he became connected with the auditing department of the Thomas Steel Company. When that plant was acquired by the Brier Hill Steel Company he remained with the larger corporation a few months in the purchasing department. Then with his brother C. R. Thomas he bought the Sykes Metal Lath and Roofing Company and has subsequently become president of what is one of the distinctive and valuable industrial concerns of the city.

Mr. Thomas is a member of the Niles Club and the Trumbull Country Club and is a Presbyterian.

September 22, 1897, he married Miss Flora Head. Their one son is Ira A., Jr.

FRANK J. THOMAS is one of the several sons of Thomas B. Thomas, whose enterprise and energies have long been contributing factors in the industrial affairs of Niles and vicinity.

Frank J. Thomas was born at West Austintown, Ohio, April 10, 1878, and at the age of six years accompanied his parents to Nebraska, where he grew up on a farm in a comparatively new section of country. His education was restricted to public schools. In 1903 he returned to Niles and became associated with his brother W. A. Thomas, then president of the Niles Iron & Steel Company. This industry was subsequently changed to the Thomas Steel Company and remained an important individual plant in the Niles district until it was sold to the Brier Hill Company. Frank J. Thomas remained with the latter corporation for two years, and then became financially interested with his nephew, Clinton G. Thomas, in the Western Reserve Steel Company at Warren. He was superintendent of construction and later general manager of the plant. This industry was likewise acquired by the Brier Hill Steel Company in 1916. Since that year Frank J. Thomas has been general manager of the Sykes Metal Lath & Roofing Company at Niles. He is also president of the McKinley Savings & Loan Company of Niles.

Mr. Thomas is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and at this writing is president of the Niles Club. June 16, 1909, he married Miss Nellie L. Jones, a daughter of Thomas T. Jones, of Niles. They have one son, Paul J.

WILLIAM CLYDE SHERMAN, a well known property owner and real estate operator at Warren, apparently had an implanted genius for business, his faculties being sharpened and developed from early boyhood, which was one of struggle against adversities and without home influences.

Mr. Sherman was born at Warsaw, Indiana, August 17, 1870, but four generations of the family have been identified with Morrow County, Ohio. His father, Ezra Sherman, and his grandfather were both born in Morrow County. His mother, Eliza Bennington, was a native of Pennsylvania, from which state the Bennington family moved to Morrow County. Ezra Sherman and Eliza Bennington met and married at Warsaw, Indiana, and after about two years returned to Morrow County.

William Clyde Sherman spent his boyhood days in Morrow County and had only a brief district school education. In his ninth year his mother died, and after that he had no real home of his own until his marriage at the age of twenty-three. He also made his own way during that time, his chief employment being as a farm worker by day and month. He was also a mule driver on the tow-paths of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

After his marriage in Morrow County Mr. Sherman employed himself in making rails and cutting cordwood for a time, and then turned his business talents to account in the horse business and later as a liveryman in Morrow County and also at Marion, Ohio. Mr. Sherman came to Trumbull County in March, 1901, unloading his goods at Leavittsburg, near Warren. He went in debt to buy the old Wilderson farm, and remained on it for three years, working almost night and day to improve and drain the land and repair the buildings. He still owns the property, the old homestead being one of the landmarks of the valley, having stood for eighty-five or ninety years and still in good condition. When he left the farm Mr. Sherman moved to Newton Falls, Trumbull County, where he owns considerable land. There he operated a feed mill and engaged in a general business, handling seed, implements and hardware. In looking for a city both as a home and business center Mr. Sherman carefully studied the situation in eastern Ohio and finally fixed upon Warren as the town with the greatest future, and also with the best advantages in business, moral, educational and social conditions. He has lived at Warren since September, 1916, and since then has been a prominent operator in real estate, both city and farm property. He has handled a number of leases and has exercised his enterprise in a way broadly beneficial to the rapid upbuilding of the city.

Mr. Sherman was one of the organizers of the company which is putting up the large commercial building on the corner of North Park and Porter avenues. This is a brick and terra cotta three-story 152x100 foot structure, with a permanent easement off Porter avenue and has been designed for the use of a large department store. Mr. Sherman is also one of the owners of the Packard Apartments on North Park avenue, and he bought his own home at 320 North Park avenue, one of the best residence sections. He still owns several good farms, and supervises their management. Mr. Sherman is affiliated with Carroll F. Clapp Lodge of Masons, the Masonic Club, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, and the First Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1893 he married Miss Rose Renz. She was born in Morrow County, daughter of Frederick and Ellen (Cook) Renz. To their union have been born four children, Gladys Pauline, Crystal Barbara, Herbert Renz and William Clyde, Jr.

JOHN BAXTER, superintendent of the tube mills of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, has been associated with this corporation since July 1, 1909. He is a native of Scotland, born at Dundee on the 23d of February, 1866, a son of John and Annie (Kinmond) Baxter. The father spent his life in Scotland, but the mother came to the United States in 1891, and her death occurred in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

In his native land John Baxter grew to years of maturity and received his education, later serving a five years' apprenticeship at the machinist's trade and for a year or more worked as a journeyman. But in 1887 he left the land of his birth for the United States, and in his new home he first found employment as a machinist with the old Warren Tube Company, of Warren, Ohio. He subsequently worked for the Riverside Steel Works of Benwood, West Virginia, returned then to the town of War-

John Baxter

ren and became associated with the Page Tube Company, from there went to Pittsburgh for the tube department of the Oil Well Supply Company, was next with the LaBelle Iron Works at Steubenville, Ohio, and from there came to the Republic Iron & Steel Company. In all these various places Mr. Baxter filled different positions, having served as assistant superintendent of the Page Tube Company, was similarly employed by the Oil Well Supply Company, superintended the erection of the tube department of the LaBelle Iron Works, where he also served as superintendent of the tube department for about nine years, and he came to the Republic Iron & Steel Company as superintendent in the erection of the tube department. After its completion he was retained by the corporation as superintendent of that department, and he has ever since occupied that important office.

Mr. Baxter is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, also of the Youngstown Country Club, the Automobile Club, the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Engineers Club, and is a thirty-second degree Knight Templar and York Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. In many ways he has shown his interest in the public welfare of Youngstown, and is an efficient worker for the progress of the Mahoning Valley. A few years after coming to this country he took out the papers which made him a naturalized citizen of the United States, and he has ever since proved his worth as a true and loyal American.

On March 31, 1898, Mr. Baxter was married to Miss Mary Esther Jones, of Warren, Ohio, and they have a son and daughter, Margaret A. and John K.

Alfred F. Howe, vice president and general sales manager of the Borden Company of Warren, has won an enviable place in the big business affairs of Warren and in the civic and social life of the community, for as a sales manager he ranks with the leaders of the country and as a citizen he is all that can be desired.

Mr. Howe was born at Clyde, New York, on August 16, 1875, the son of Charles A. and Phoebe (Finch) Howe. In both paternal and maternal lines he comes of families of colonial New England antecedents, among the notable members of the New England family of his patronymic being Elias Howe, whose priority of invention of the sewing machine was, after much litigation, finally established, the invention ultimately bringing him considerable wealth. Alfred F. Howe was educated in the public schools of Clyde, New York, and at De Pauw University.

He began his business career as a salesman in the east, and in 1898 he became a salesman for the Cleveland, (Ohio) Pump and Fixture Company.

In 1900 he became identified with the Borden Company at Warren, and for a time he sold a large part of the output of the plant, traveling continuously and establishing markets for the company's patented specialties in most of the states of the Union. In 1902 he opened the New York City headquarters of the company, and maintained that connection until 1913, directing his efforts chiefly to foreign markets. During the period of 1905-1913 he made annual trips to Europe. Mr. Howe has been connected with the sales department of the Borden Company from the time when the shop found occupation for but three workmen to the present plant, rated as the largest of its kind in the world and giving employment to almost three hundred people.

When the Borden Company was incorporated Mr. Howe was elected vice president and general sales manager of the company.

In 1913 Mr. Howe found it necessary to move from New York to Warren to give closer attention to the business. He is a member of the Warren Rotary Club and the Trumbull Country Club, is a member of Nutley, New Jersey Lodge No. 167, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and New Jersey Consistory thirty-second degree, and a member of Warren Lodge of Elks.

Mr. Howe was united in marriage with Ollie M. Dawson, of Gault, Canada, and to them have been born four children. David Dawson, who was born in Buffalo, New York, on November 11, 1897, was a student at the Ohio State University in 1917, in which year he enlisted in the air service of the United States Army. He was mustered out of service in 1919 and entered the employ of the Warren Iron and Steel Company. He married Lucy, daughter of Charles B. Loveless, of Warren. Roy Richard, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 24, 1900, attended the high schools of Nutley, New Jersey, and Warren, Ohio, and finished his education at Peddie Institute, New Jersey. He is now connected with the Oil Well Supply Company of Taft, California. William Warren, who was born at Nutley, New Jersey, October 4, 1904, attended the Nutley public schools, the Warren High School and is now a student at the Roosevelt Military Academy, Hackensack, New Jersey. Hilda Hope was born in Warren, Ohio, March 30, 1916.

Albert B. Stough. Struthers has existed as a community name in Mahoning County for more than half a century, but the city of Struthers is practically the evolution of the present century and it is now one of the important points on the map of the industrial district of the Mahoning Valley.

Of the industries which have brought population and wealth to this locality, the second in size and importance is the Struthers Furnace Company. While the company management has its headquarters at Cleveland, the big plant and the practical workings of the industry are at Struthers and many of the important decisions affecting the practical operation of the company are made in the local office.

Mr. Stough will deserve a long memory in Struthers also for the leadership he displayed at a peculiarly distressing and discouraging time when in 1908 he became mayor of the little city. Prosperity and the breath of industry had almost departed from the community in the months following the panic of 1907, and Mr. Stough proved one of the hardest workers in the little group of the faithful who kept the wheels of progress turning until normal times should return.

Mr. Stough was born at Niles, Ohio, December 22, 1869, son of Dr. J. F. Stough and a grandson of John Stough, a Portage County farmer. Dr.

Stough was born in Portage County, Ohio, in 1833, and for many years practiced his profession at Niles. After retiring he moved to Warren, where he died in 1906, at the age of seventy-three. Dr. Stough married Jennie Rex, a native of England and daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Rex. Her father was a farmer in Bloomfield, Trumbull County, Ohio, and was a veteran of the Civil war. Jennie Rex was reared in Trumbull County. She was born September 13, 1845, and died in 1893, aged forty-seven years and ten months.

Albert B. Stough lived at Niles to the age of seventeen, and acquired his education in the local schools there. For a time he clerked in a grocery store at Warren, and then became a traveling representative covering Ohio and Western Pennsylvania for the Warder-Bushnell-Glessner Company of Springfield, Ohio. At this time this company was one of the leading manufacturers of farm and harvesting machinery, and in the personnel of the company was former Governor Bushnell of Ohio. For six years Mr. Stough regularly covered his field, and paid some visits to Struthers while a traveling man. In 1901 he permanently located in the village as office manager of the Struthers Furnace Company, and has had the responsibilities of the local office and has been a participant in and witness of all the remarkable development in the town for the past twenty years.

Mr. Stough served on the first Board of Education as its clerk for three years. He resigned this office to accept the nomination for mayor in 1908, and was elected and re-elected until he had served five consecutive terms, ten years, beginning his administration in a time of depression and leaving the mayor's office when Struthers was enjoying an unexampled era of prosperity and growth. He finally refused to be mayor any longer. Of the achievements connected with his administration a list would be in the nature of a municipal history of Struthers for ten years. The improvements included sewer building, sidewalk construction, street paving, the establishment of water works, fire and police departments, establishment of a board of health, and also the official setting off of beautiful Yellow Creek Park as an adjunct and pleasure ground for the city. While he retired from the office of mayor in 1917 Mr. Stough's public services are still continued as a member of the Board of Education, and in that way he has continued to do good for his community. One new school building has been built since he was appointed a member of the Board, and a site for a new high school secured, since the present high school building has proved inadequate for the rapidly growing school population. This new high school is to be erected on a ten-acre campus.

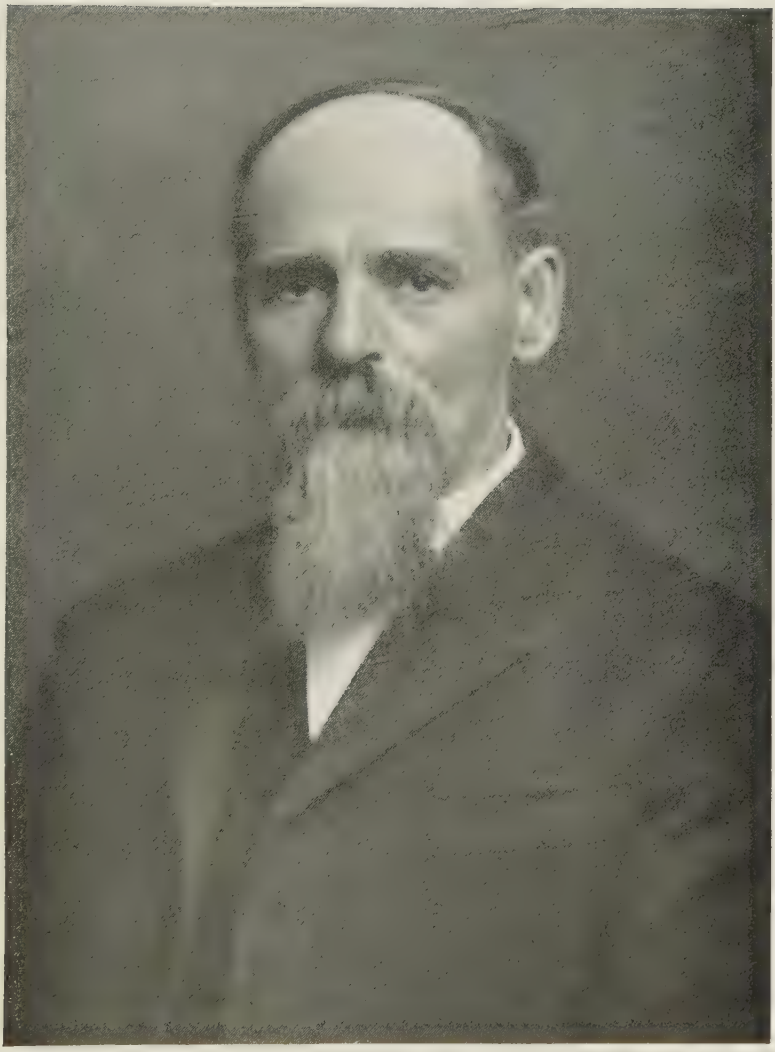
Mr. Stough is a trustee of the United Presbyterian Church. For seventeen years he served as master of the exchequer in the local Knights of Pythias Lodge, and was also a member of the Building Committee which erected the Knights of Pythias Building, a part of which is used on a long term lease by the Telephone Company, the income going into the sinking fund to pay for the cost of the building.

Mr. Stough married Martha D. Shoenberger, of Warren, daughter of Edward and Catherine Shoenberger. They have a family of two sons and one daughter: Donald B., who was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps while the war was in progress, and is completing his higher education in Washington and Jefferson College; Jane, who is a graduate of the Rayen High School at Youngstown, finished her education at Oberlin College, and is the wife of Fred R. Hamilton, connected with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company; and Thomas Edgar, a high school graduate who entered Washington and Jefferson College in 1920. During his residence at Struthers Mr. Stough has expressed and exemplified just those qualities and actions needed in making and upbuilding a town. He is an enthusiast and assists and encourages every movement, not only those connected with business, but in behalf of churches, social welfare, athletics and other wholesome causes.

Henry Onions has the distinction of being the oldest living pioneer iron worker in the Youngstown district, and at the present time he is serving as hall man in the general office of the Republic Iron & Steel Company. He was born in Boonton, New Jersey, February 24, 1840, a son of Josephus and Eliza (Harris) Onions. The parents were born in England and came to America in the early part of 1839, locating in the city of Boonton and remaining there about three years. Going farther west, they established their home in Cincinnati, Ohio, and from there came to Youngstown in the early part of 1846. Josephus Onions superintended the erection of the puddling furnaces in the first mill erected in Youngstown, and he also made the first heat of iron in the puddle mill. Both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives and died in Youngstown.

Henry Onions attended the public schools of Youngstown in his youth, but at the early age of ten, in 1850, entered as an employe the Youngstown Iron Works, and thus when a mere youth started out to make his own way in the world. The Youngstown Iron Works closed down in the fall of 1850, and during the years of 1851 and 1852 the young iron worker was engaged in making coke for the Mill Creek Furnace, which was located in what is now known as Mill Creek Park. In the spring of 1853 he began work at the Falcon Furnace, owned and operated by James Ward & Company, of Niles, Ohio, continuing as an employe there for a year and a half, and in February, 1855, began work for Brown, Bonnell & Company, being the third person employed by them, and Mr. Onions remained with them and their successors until 1886. He is now employed with the Republic Iron & Steel Company. His mature years have been spent in diligent labor, he has been the architect of his own success, and he has lived to reap the reward of tireless energy and right living.

In 1858 Mr. Onions belonged to an independent military company called the Tod Artillery, which disbanded before the opening of the Civil war, and at the beginning of that struggle, in 1861, he enlisted for service but was rejected on account of having lost the sight of his right eye. He has



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taken but the good citizen's part in the matter of politics, and has voted with the republican party since 1861. On the 15th of December, 1864, he became a member of Hebron Lodge, No. 55, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has since filled all the various offices, and from January 1 until July 1, 1868, he served the order as noble grand, and he now has the honor of being the oldest living past grand of the lodge. At the present time he is serving it as treasurer, and has filled that office for the past twenty years. Since 1862 he has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

At Bedford, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1861, by the Reverend Nesbett. Mr. Onions was married to Ruth Hannah Harris, a daughter of William and Frances Harris, who came to this country from England and settled in Youngstown in 1849. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Onions. Wyllys H., married Esther Taylor, and they are the parents of the following children: Carrie M., Frank, Mildred, Etta, Henry, Elizabeth and Esther. Carrie F. is the widow of Robert T. Carothers. The history of Joseph H. will be found on succeeding pages. Ruth H. is the widow of Frederick C. Hilton and the mother of one son, Frederick H.

Joseph H. Onions, who is associated with the Republic Iron & Steel Company, has been a life long resident of Youngstown and was born in this city November 21, 1872. He attended the city graded schools, with also one year in the Rayen High School, and in the summer of 1887 began driving a wagon for a grocery store. This first employment was followed by other odd jobs for a time, and on October 3, 1892, he entered the service of the Lake Shore Railroad Company as car accountant. On the 11th of August, 1899, he began his connection with the Republic Iron & Steel Company as an accountant under W. C. Riley, a year later became an assistant in the office of Hugh Swaney, who was then the company's paymaster, and in 1902 succeeded to the office of paymaster and has since filled that important position.

On September 24, 1896, Mr. Onions was married to Emma Sunderlin, and their three children are Robert C., Gertrude H. and Helen J. Mr. and Mrs. Onions are members of St. John's Episcopal Church. Mr. Onions is also affiliated with the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a York Rite and a Thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Al-Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Cleveland, Ohio. He gives his political support to the republican party.

John F. Pearce. While his first business responsibilities at Struthers were as a banker, Mr. Pearce for the last eight years has given his undivided energies and time to the management and upbuilding of the Struthers Furniture and Undertaking Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the Youngstown district. Mr. Pearce is manager, secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

While he has spent nearly all his life in the Mahoning Valley, he was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, August 8, 1885, son of John and Mary Pearce. His father has for twenty years been a resident of Youngstown, and is a sheet mill worker with the Sharon Steel Hoop Company.

John F. Pearce grew up at Youngstown, and left high school when the opportunity was presented to go to work in an office. Altogether he was connected with banking for nine years, and came to Struthers as assistant treasurer of the Struthers Bank. He left that in 1912 to ally himself with his present business.

This business was established by the firm of Cunningham and Davidson of Lowellville, incorporated as the Cunningham Furniture & Undertaking Company. They opened a second store at Struthers, and in 1911 sold the business at Lowellville and changed the name to the Struthers Furniture and Undertaking Company. During the past eight years this company has built up a trade not only supplying the immediate community of Struthers, but a large outlying district, even competing with the stores of Youngstown. The company occupies a three-story building, divided into four rooms and with 15,000 square feet of floor space. There are five employes.

Mr. Pearce has also found time to work in the interests of his community and for eight years has served as village treasurer. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and affiliated with the Masons and Knights of Pythias. September 1, 1910, he married Charlotte Burrows, of Youngstown, daughter of Rev. A. E. Burrows, a Methodist minister. Mrs. Pearce was born at Seattle, Washington, but is a graduate of the Rayen High School of Youngstown and was a teacher in that city before her marriage. They have two children, John, Jr., and Mary Louisa.

Rev. Nicholas F. Monaghan. On September 20, 1913, Rev. Nicholas F. Monaghan was installed as pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church at Struthers. This is one of the prosperous Catholic congregations in Mahoning County, though most of the progress has been made within the last decade.

The first Catholic services at Struthers were held in the years immediately following the close of the Civil war. Ground was secured in 1870 and in the following year a frame church was erected. Then and for a number of years following it was a mission, usually attended by a priest from Youngstown and vicinity.

The parish of St. Nicholas now has 120 families and Father Monaghan also attends the mission at Lowellville. Father Monaghan was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, September 22, 1882. His father, Patrick Monaghan, came from County Meath, Ireland, in 1866 and for a time lived in Chicago. Nicholas Monaghan grew up at Ashtabula, where he obtained his primary education. In 1902 he graduated from St. Charles College at Baltimore, and took his theological work in St. Mary's Seminary of that city. He has the degrees A. B., M. A. and Bachelor of Theology. He was ordained in Cleveland by Bishop Horstmann December 21, 1907, and after a brief period as an assistant priest in Cleveland he became assistant to Father Conway in St. Mary's Church at Painesville. He was at Painesville

five years before he took up his duties at Struthers on September 20, 1913.

At that time the local church was burdened with a debt of $15,000, largely due to the construction of a new church edifice. The debt was paid off in four years and there has been some constructive progress in the material welfare of the parish every year of Father Monaghan's pastorate. The parsonage has been thoroughly overhauled. There are no parochial schools, the Catholic children attending the public schools. St. Nicholas' parish has representatives of many nations, and the duties of the pastor are very onerous and require the exercise of much patience, energy, good sense and broad sympathy. It is those qualities that have made Father Monaghan's work both pleasant and profitable in this field. He played baseball in college, and has always encouraged athletic sports among the boys of his church. He is a scholar and gentleman, and also has the faculty of being able to mingle with his people and with citizens of all classes irrespective of creed, and has justly become a favorite in the town.

Lawrence H. Underwood received a technical training in civil and general engineering, but about fourteen years ago his attention was attracted by the great future possibilities of the coke industry and its related lines. He is one of the thoroughly competent men in that modern field of industry, and for the past five years has enjoyed the responsibilities of superintendent of the coke plant of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, an office he took over on August 1, 1915.

Mr. Underwood was born at Dixon, Illinois, November 2, 1880, son of Nathan and Hannah E. (Weeks) Underwood, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Maine. His parents soon after their marriage moved to Chicago, and two years later located at Dixon, Illinois, where Nathan Underwood became a flour miller. In 1892 he left Dixon and moved to South Dakota, where he continued flour milling. He was retired from active business several years before his death, which occurred in 1913. His wife died in 1903.

Lawrence H. Underwood was the youngest of a family of five sons and one daughter that reached mature years. He lived at Dixon, Illinois, to the age of twelve and spent three years with his parents in South Dakota. He then lived with an older sister in Omaha, Nebraska, where he was graduated from high school in 1899. Soon afterward he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, graduating in 1903. The first two years his principal studies were concentrated on surveying and engineering and the last year on mining and metallurgy. Even while a high school boy he became keenly interested in surveying, and his work as a surveyor's assistant gave him a large part of the means necessary to defray his college expenses.

After leaving the great technical school at Boston he entered the service of the National Tube Company at Wheeling, West Virginia. He was an apprentice in the blast furnace department from July, 1903, until March, 1904, being appointed assistant superintendent of blast furnaces at the latter date. In May, 1906, he was made superintendent of that department. This office he filled until 1912.

In order to gain the fullest experience in the coke industry and its by-products Mr. Underwood went to Gary, Indiana, in January, 1913, and served in the coke department of the Illinois Steel Company until May, 1914. At that date he was appointed assistant superintendent of the coke plant, an office he filled until he came to Youngstown to accept his present work.

Mr. Underwood is a member of the Youngstown Engineering Society and the American Iron and Steel Institute. He is also affiliated with the Youngstown Country Club, the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic fraternity. September 25, 1906, he married Cleve E. Lozier, of Elyria, Ohio.

George G. Erskine, who is market master of the Gardeners' Markets on the south side at Youngstown, is a veteran truck gardener himself, and has had a very influential part in providing for better marketing conditions in Youngstown, as a result of which the producer and consumer are brought closer together.

Mr. Erskine is member of an old and prominent family of Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. He was born at Bolivar in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1858. His parents were James and Catherine (Geddes) Erskine. His father, who died at Lowellville a few years ago, was long prominent in the clay product industry of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and a resident of Youngstown many years. Several members of the family have attained distinction in the commercial life of Ohio, and more of the particulars in the family history will be found elsewhere.

George G. Erskine was eleven years of age when the family moved to Youngstown, where he lived until 1880. After getting his education in the common schools and taking a short course in the Ohio State University, he busied himself clerking in his father's store at Lowellville, and in company with his brother James went to a farm in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. His father had bought this farm for the development of its clay deposits, and the son opened a clay bank. The clay had a special use as the chief constituent of a mortar to be used in repairing the lining of furnaces instead of lime mortar. While the working of the clay bank was continued for only two years, George G. Erskine remained on the farm for several years. By his work he was able to pay his brother James' expenses while a student of mining engineering at the Ohio State University. James graduated in 1885, and then took charge of his father's fire brick plant at Hillsville, which had been bought from John W. Phillips. After two years there James took a course in the Homeopathic Medical School at Cleveland, and went west to practice at Albany, Oregon, and while there also became identified with mining interests in Oregon.

George Erskine remained on the farm in Pennsylvania until 1905, and then bought twenty-one acres at his present location in Poland Township, between Lowellville and Struthers. He had developed the Pennsylvania farm to truck growing, and continued that business in Poland Township. In 1906 he erected his first greenhouse for the purpose of growing vegetables under glass, specializing in lettuce and cucumbers. Eventually he had three quarters of an

acre under glass, and in 1910 incorporated the Erskine Garden Company. He remained in charge of this industry until February, 1917, since which date the property has been leased to the Darrow Brothers.

For a number of years the local gardeners had found conditions at the old public market in Youngstown unsatisfactory. It was the custom to lease stalls, but some burdensome restrictions were placed upon the marketers, who were compelled to confine their sales to individuals prior to 8 o'clock in the morning and after that to local grocers. Eventually the gardeners got together and organized the present Growers Market Company, the membership of which now comprise 150 producers. There are about thirty stockholders in the company. They established a market on East Woodland Avenue, and Mr. Erskine was chosen as the market master. Sales are held three times a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and there are no restrictions as to sales to consumers or dealers. The arrangement has proved very satisfactory to all concerned, and the daily volume of transactions now ranges in value between $5,000 and $10,000. About April 1, 1920, the Growers Market Company purchased about three acres on Pyatt Street, which they will hold for future use.

Mr. Erskine lives between Lowellville and Struthers, where he erected in 1908 a fine modern brick home overlooking the industrious valley. For nearly thirty years Mr. Erskine has also handled in connection with his other affairs a fire insurance agency, and that gives him much occupation and also a wide acquaintnce in this section of Ohio. Mr. Erskine is in ardent prohibitionist, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

June 9, 1881, he married Anne Wright, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. She died in 1908, the mother of seven children: Paul, the oldest, has been connected with the Bell Telephone Company at Los Angeles, California, since 1908. Arthur W. is a physician and surgeon at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Marcia C. is the wife of A. M. Cunningham, of Lowellville. Ralph J., who has been associated with his father in the greenhouse business, lived on the old homestead in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. George G. is a rancher in Saskatchewan, Canada. Dorothy M. is teacher of Domestic Science in the schools of Edmonton, Alberta. Florence P., who formerly taught in Saskatchewan, is now a teacher in the Struthers schools.

July 3, 1912, Mr. Erskine married Esther McFarlane, widow of Dr. B. F. Gibbons. She is a first cousin to his former wife. Her parents were Irvine and Ellen (Beggs) McFarlane, life residents of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Frank McFarlane, came originally from Philadelphia, and settled on the state line, three and a half miles east of Coitsville, near Bedford. Irvine McFarlane after his marriage moved to the Beggs farm of his wife. This farm is just east of the Ohio-Pennsylvania state line. Irvine McFarlane died there in 1877, at the age of seventy, and was survived by his widow for thirty years. The old farm is still in the family. Mrs. Erskine's first husband was a dentist at Youngstown, and on account of his health moved to a farm at Warren, Pennsylvania, where he died September 12, 1909. By a previous marriage Dr. Gibbons had a son, Edward F., who was reared from the age of twelve by Mrs. Erskine and is now a resident of Cleveland.

Robert Erskine, M. D. A prominent member of the medical fraternity of Lowellville for twenty years, at an earlier date a merchant, Doctor Erskine has accepted many opportunities to serve his community, and his three terms as mayor mark the highest stage in the municipal improvement of Lowellville.

Doctor Erskine, who is one of a numerous family in the Mahoning Valley, is a son of the late James Erskine. James Erskine was born at Paisley, Scotland, in 1825. The Erskines for several generations were identified with the historic industry of Paisley, weavers of the famous shawls. His parents were Hugh and Elizabeth (Craig) Erskine, and his grandparents were Robert and Helen (Allison) Erskine, also of Paisley.

James Erskine in early life worked in the shawl factory. Through the early death of his father he became largely dependent upon his own resources. While employed with an iron works he became a competent engineer, and with this experience he came to New York in 1849. For a time he worked on a farm at Pittsburgh, and was then employed in the clay products industry at Bolivar, Pennsylvania. He became general manager of a brick yard, also conducted a store and had other interests there. While in Pennsylvania he became associated with the group of men who founded the Brown-Bonnell Company at Youngstown. In 1866 he came to the Mahoning Valley and acquired a tract of land containing brick clay. He organized Erskine & Company, the company part being the Brown-Bonnell Company, manufacturers of fire brick. This company was organized about 1869, buying out the plant previously established by Mr. Sutton. They mined clay and made fire brick for furnace lining and blast furnaces. The old brick plant stood on a site now occupied by steel mills. James Erskine also conducted a general store at Lowellville, becoming associated with Leo Guthman in 1873. Mr. Guthman had charge of the business until the sons of James, Robert and John G. Erskine, took over the enterprise. Doctor Robert subsequently sold to his brother John, who continued the business until his death, about 1909. It was then taken over by his widow and son Davidson. Mrs. John G. Erskine is still living, and her son Davidson is a coal operator in Kentucky. John G. Erskine was a prominent citizen of Lowellville, and became widely interested in the local business and civic affairs, serving on the school board, the council and in other positions. James Erskine also spent his last years at Lowellville, where he died in 1916, in his ninety-first year. He was widely known among brick manufacturers, and had interests in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, where a special grade of clay was found for making high grade fire brick. In the Mahoning Valley he developed a limestone quarry which subsequently was acquired by the Mahoning Limestone Company.

In 1853, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, James Erskine married Catherine Geddes, a native of Scotland and daughter of George and Margaret Geddes.

She died at the age of fifty-seven, the mother of six children. The oldest of these is Dr. Robert Erskine. Reference has already been made to his brother John G. Erskine. Another member of the family is George Erskine, superintendent of the market gardeners' stands in Youngstown. William L. lives at Lowellville, and James is a resident of Honolulu, where his son is employed by the Government. In 1890 James Erskine married for his second wife Ella Hicks, and there were four children of this union, three of whom are still living: Isaac P., a business man at Lowellville; Hugh Craig, connected with the Republican Iron and Steel Company, and a graduate of Hiram College; and Sarah E., Mrs. Burton Smith, of Lowellville.

Robert Erskine was born at Johnstown, on the Conemaugh River in Pennsylvania, and the old house where he first saw the light of day was swept away by the great flood of 1889. He grew up in Ohio, attended school here, and spent about seventeen years in the mercantile business at Lowellville, until he sold out to his brother John in 1896. He was also associated with his father and uncle in the Carbon Fire Brick Company, and had charge of the company's books. Robert Erskine prepared for his profession in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, graduating in 1898, and since then for over twenty years has been engaged in a general practice at Lowellville.

Along with his busy professional work he has filled several offices, including township clerk, member of the school board, and for three times was mayor. While mayor he secured the construction of a sanitary sewer system, water works and other improvements, and also directed the agitation for village extension and the approval of the county commissioners to a plan whereby the village could secure greater benefits, though the courts have issued injunctions against the carrying out of this policy and the issue is still unsettled.

Doctor Erskine lost his only son at the age of thirteen, and his daughter, Bessie, is the wife of Arthur W. Erskine, a physician and surgeon at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Thomas Reese Phillips. In such men as Thomas R. Phillips, a well known and successful business man of Youngstown, there is peculiar satisfaction in offering their life histories—justification for the compilation of works of this character—not that their lives have been such as to gain them particularly wide notoriety, but that they have been true to the trusts reposed in them and have not neglected the opportunities that have come to them during their business careers, showing such attributes of character as entitle them to the regard of all who know them.

Thomas Reese Phillips was born at Church Hill, which is now a part of Youngstown, on April 28, 1879, and is the son of John and Maria (Thomas) Phillips, the former of whom was of Welsh nativity and the latter, English. They are both now deceased, the father dying on November 14, 1900, when sixty-six years of age, and the mother on January 2, 1901, at the age of sixty-three years. They had both come to the United States in their youth and had met and married here. Mineral Ridge became the home of the Phillips family, being now owned by the oldest son, John Phillips. John Phillips, Sr., was an honest, hard-working man, occupying the position of foreman in a coal mine. Eventually they moved to Grove City, Pennsylvania, where their deaths occurred. They were Methodists in their religious faith. Of the sixteen children born to these parents, the subject of this sketch is the fifteenth in order of birth. He remained with his parents and was their chief support and reliance in their closing years, being a steady and reliable worker in the mines of Mercer County. After the death of his parents he erected a neat and tasty memorial stone over their last resting place. He was then twenty-one years of age, but up to that time his education had necessarily been greatly neglected, his time being devoted to work and the care of his parents, so that his attendance in the Grove City schools had been extremely brief. When twenty-three years old Mr. Phillips, realizing the ultimate value of better education, gave it serious attention. He attended night school three evenings each week and thus prepared himself for entry into Grove City College. He lacked but a year of graduation when he met his future wife and decided to marry. In 1906 Mr. Phillips came to Youngstown and for one year was in the employ of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He then decided to embark in business on his own account, a decision which proved to be the stepping stone to his future success. He had a cash capital of $150, with which he purchased a horse and wagon. A stock of goods, worth $400, was bought on credit from his sister, and with this modest stock he began his mercantile career in a little building at the corner of High and Edwards streets. He managed well and was wisely economical, so that he soon had his goods all paid for and a considerable cash surplus. With the latter he bought the site of his present store, at No. 900 High Street, and had the building erected. Here he carries a large and well selected stock of general merchandise and commands a large trade in his part of the city. He has richly earned the success which has come to him, for his business principles and policies are in accordance with the highest ethics, good goods at right prices being his motto.

Mr. Phillips devoted himself indefatigably to the building up of his business and has wisely invested his profits. A few years ago he joined with some friends in the development of oil lands in Butler County, Pennsylvania, he himself investing $1,820. They have drilled one hundred wells, and the general results of their operations have been very satisfactory. Mr. Phillips is now president of the Phillips Dale Oil Company, and has gained recognition as a man of rare business judgment and sound discrimination.

Mr. Phillips was married to Ada M. Campbell, the daughter of Silas and Mary Campbell, of North Washington, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of three children, Thomas Reese, Jr., Harold J. and DeWitt. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are active members of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee. Fraternally

T. R. Phillips

he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Blue Lodge of Master Masons, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the democratic party, though he reserves the right to vote for the men and measures which in his opinions are for the best interests of the whole community. As a man of ability, sturdy integrity and usefulness, and as a citizen representative of the utmost loyalty, he merits consideration by his fellow men, among whom he is held in the highest regard.

JESSE CUNNINGHAM. While his home for the past two years has been at 313 Arlington Street in Youngstown, Mr. Jesse Cunningham is still active in the management of the big business he built at Lowellville as a furniture dealer and undertaker. That business has enjoyed a steady growth with passing years, and at the present time represents an investment of about $60,000, including not only a high class undertaking department, but also a complete stock of furniture, house furnishing goods and musical merchandise, including phonographs. Both floors of the main store are taxed to capacity for the display of goods and other uses, while a storage room and detached warehouse afford as much more space for the business.

Mr. Cunningham was born near Haselton in Mahoning County February 17, 1872, son of Arthur Murray and Ellen (Bentley) Cunningham. His father spent his active life as a skillful mechanic, and at different times worked as a carpenter, wagonmaker, blacksmith and pattern maker. The mother died in 1890. Their large family of children consisted of John, Lois, Jesse, Lucy, Charlotte, Clarence, William H., Ellen, Frank, Blanche, Arthur M. and Marietta.

During the first eighteen years of his life in Coitsville Township Jesse Cunningham received his education in the district schools and the high school of Coitsville Center and learned the carpenter trade under his father. For six years he was employed in the factory of a prominent firm of casket manufacturers, and was advanced to the position of foreman. After this experience he removed to Lowellville in 1896, and stocked a small building with furniture. His business grew and prospered and he had one or two partnerships and since 1903 his business has been at its present location, where a large building was erected for the special purpose.

Mr. Cunningham was one of the organizers and a director of the Lowellville Savings & Banking Company and in earlier years gave much of his time to the improvement and welfare of his home city. For twelve years he served as a member of the school board, and was a leader in the movement to erect a new school building in 1905. He was also on the committee which brought about the installation of an electric light plant in Lowellville. He was also village treasurer for one term of two years. Mr. Cunningham is a past chancellor of Lowellville Lodge of Knights of Pythias, and is a member of Hillman Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons at Youngstown.

June 13, 1894, he married in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Mary E. Groah. They have two children: Jesse Lawrence, who was born May 3, 1895, is a furniture salesman at Los Angeles, California, and by his marriage to Hazel Mervin, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, has one child, Jesse Marvin, now two years old. The daughter of Mr. Cunningham is Virginia Marie, born October 7, 1898, now the wife of G. W. Bankson, an electrician of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Los Angeles, California, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Bankson have a daughter, Virginia Marie.

WILLIAM JOHN LOMAX. One of the principal centers of trade in the town of Lowellville is the Lomax Department Store, a business that was founded thirty-five years ago by Eliab Lomax, but for nearly twenty years has been under the proprietorship and direction of William John Lomax. It has grown from an exceedingly modest enterprise to a store of a number of departments filled with desirable merchandise, and during the past decade the volume of trade has more than doubled.

The great-grandparents of the present merchant at Lowellville were Henry and Nancy (Fisher) Lomax, who spent all their lives in England. Their son John was born in 1823, married Margaret Taylor, and in 1853, a year after the birth of their son Eliab, they came to the United States and located at Lowellville.

Eliab Lomax grew up to a life of industry, was employed in the coal and oil regions of Ohio and Pennsylvania, and in 1885 started a small confectionery shop in Lowellville. In 1896 he erected a substantial two-story building for his business, but in 1902 sold the site and removed the building to another location. In the meantime the store had grown with new stock and new departments, and Eliab Lomax took in his son William J. as a partner, and in 1902 retired from business and moved to Youngstown, where he is still living. He has owned several residences and other parcels of real estate property at Lowellville and Youngstown, and has served as a member of the Board of the Children's Home. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is a Knight of Pythias, and during his residence at Lowellville was a member of the village council and the school board.

Eliab Lomax married Amy Brown. She died in 1881, the mother of three children, Carrie M., Alberta and William John. Eliab Lomax married for his second wife Frances Hayes, and they are the parents of one daughter, Hazel V.

William John Lomax was born at Ohioville in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1879, but has spent most of his life at Lowellville, where he finished a public school education and took a business course in Newcastle, Pennsylvania. He became a partner with his father in 1900 under the name E. Lomax & Son, and on January 25, 1902, became his father's successor. At that time the business was on the south side, and the store was in the path of the destructive fire of June, 1910. Soon afterward Mr. Lomax opened his business on the north side, and has found his location an exceedingly desirable

one, and his business has grown and prospered without interruption.

Mr. Lomax is vice president of the Lowellville Bank, and has been a builder and developer of residence property in the town. During his service of eight years on the local school board the present school buildings were erected. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is a public spirited worker in all things that concern the welfare of his community.

September 17, 1899, Mr. Lomax married Sarah Cole, who was born at Coleburg, Ohio, October 1, 1878, daughter of James and Jane (Williams) Cole. Her father is still living, and her mother died in 1901, at the age of fifty-four. Mrs. Lomax is one of eight surviving children: Mrs. Mary Morgan, of Youngstown; Mrs. Lizzie Jane James; Mrs. Rachel Thresher, of Youngstown; William, of Hubbard; Margaret, Sarah, Priscilla and Thomas.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Lomax are Amy Jane, Frances Alberta, Helen Mildred and Ivy May. The two older daughters are graduates of high school and never missed a day while they were in grade and high school work. They are now students in the Carnegie Institute of Technology of Pittsburgh. Helen Mildred is in the first year of her high school work.

Noble T. Robbins, who for the past several years has been the Ford representative at Niles, is a young business man of much enterprise and public spirit, and is a member of one of the old and historic families of this section of Trumbull County.

He is a descendant of Josiah Robbins, one of the very early settlers at Niles, and a forceful and interesting character in the early history of the town. In the early days Josiah Robbins and his wife kept the principal inn or hotel in the community. Josiah Robbins was distinguished among the early settlers as a strict temperance man, and it is said that he signed a pledge to abstain from liquor at the time of his marriage. The Robbins family in the early days owned large tracts of land along the Mahoning River, and much of this land has since been acquired for manufacturing sites.

Noble T. Robbins was born at Niles, September 23, 1891, a son of George B. and Mary (Robinson) Robbins. His mother was born in England and died in 1897, at the age of thirty-three. George B. Robbins, who died November 19, 1919, at the age of fifty-six, was a native of Niles and for many years one of its prominent business men. He and his brother, F. C. Robbins, were associated in the steel roofing business. George B. Robbins succeeded in 1906 as president of the Dollar Savings Bank of Niles.

Noble T. Robbins graduated from the Niles High School in 1910, thus allowing him ten years in which to achieve a position in business affairs. Soon after leaving school he became associated with the Niles Forge and Manufacturing Company and served as vice president and in other capacities until May, 1917. He left that industry to become a Ford representative, and since then has built a large and commodious garage and has all the facilities for ready and prompt service to the Ford patrons.

Mr. Robbins is affiliated with the Lodge, Chapter and Council of Masonry, and is a member of the Church of the Disciples. August 26, 1917, he married Jennette McIntire, daughter of G. M. McIntire. They have one daughter, Mary Grace.

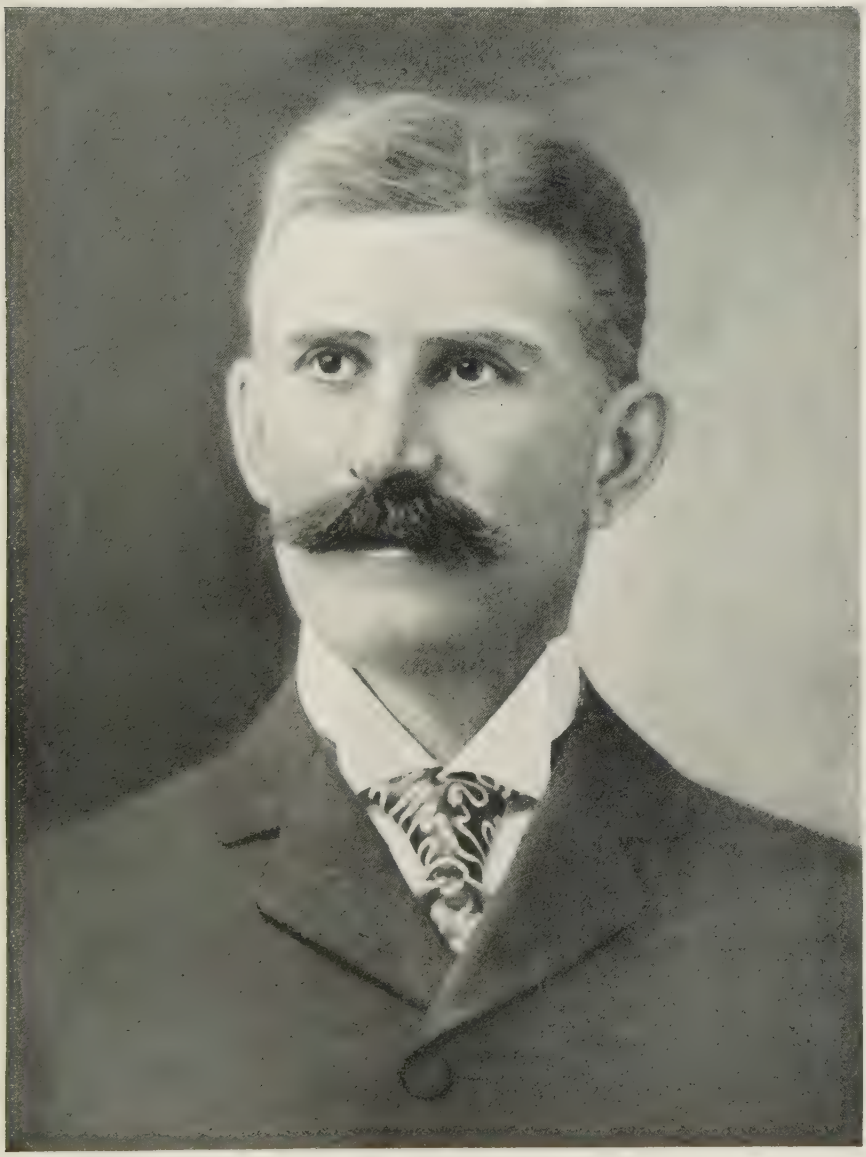
John A. Sauer. The exponents of the contracting business at Struthers are men of skill and experience, and their work shows evidences of careful attention to detail. One of these men whose dependability is unquestioned is John A. Sauer, whose reputation is that of a thoroughly reliable citizen. He is one of the best known men in the Mahoning Valley, but has never cared for public office, devoting himself to his business, and probably has built more and better residences than anyone else at Struthers.

The birth of John A. Sauer took place in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, on August 1, 1854, and he is a son of George and Sophia (Bohlander) Sauer, both natives of Germany. George Sauer was a miner and farmer who died at Petersburg, Mahoning County, Ohio, at the age of eighty-six years, having come to the county about 1845 and settled on the Kimmel farm five miles north of Struthers.

John A. Sauer learned the brick and stone mason trade at Cleveland, Ohio, and was in the contracting business at Petersburg until 1891, when he came to Struthers to build a bridge for the county, and then began taking contracts first for cellars and foundation work, and developing into a general contractor. He has erected the postoffice, bank building and nearly all of the brick buildings at Struthers, and he also operates in cement. A skilled workman himself, he gives his personal supervision to all of the details and will not tolerate anything but good workmanship. Employment is given by him to from eight to twelve men, according to the season, and he keeps several jobs moving at the same time, and takes contracts outside of Struthers.

Mr. Sauer was married first at Petersburg, Ohio, to Mary Kline, who died three years later, leaving one daughter, Minnie, who is living at home and working in the Struthers postoffice. His second wife bore the maiden name of Christina Oswald, and she lived at Struthers. Mr. and Mrs. Sauer have one daughter, Mary, wife of Harold Roland, working in an Akron, Ohio, tire factory. Mr. Sauer's present prosperity and high standing have come to him as a result of his industry, skill and willingness to give the best of himself in each job, no matter how unimportant it might be, and he sets an example for others to follow in his fidelity and carefulness.

Thomas Reynolds. Beginning life in humble circumstances, with but limited advantages of any kind, Thomas Reynolds, a well known and prosperous business man of Struthers, has courageously fought the battle of life, gradually but surely overcoming all difficulties, and may well be accounted a self-made man in every sense implied by the term. A native of England, he was born June 3, 1867, near Birmingham, on a manor or lordship, it being the



GEORGE B. ROBBINS

particular part of Sutton Coldfield visited by King Henry VIII, and afterward called in his honor Royaltown.

Having an inclination for mechanical pursuits, Thomas Reynolds served an apprenticeship of five years at the blacksmith's trade, receiving for his work a very scant supply of pocket money, at the age of twenty-one years his trade being his only capital. The following year Mr. Reynolds worked as a journeyman for his old employer, who gave him a pound a week for his services. He later assisted in building the Manchester ship canal, after which he was employed as general blacksmith by his former employer until 1895. Immigrating in that year to the United States, Mr. Reynolds came directly to Youngstown, where his wife's sister resided, but business was very dull, and desirable employment so little in evidence that he decided to return to his native land. Being offered $1.35 a day nailing horse shoes, he accepted, and worked for three whole days at that rate. Mr. Reynolds tried farming for two years, having a smithy on his farm, and at the same time worked at his trade. It was uphill work, and he was rather discouraged until a change in the presidential administration brought about better results. Locating in Struthers, he has been doing general blacksmithing for several years. He now owns and manages a garage, having a well-equipped repair shop, and handling automobile accessories of all kinds, and has built up a very satisfactory business.

Mr. Reynolds has been twice married. He married first, in 1891, Mary Hadley, who was born in Dudley, Worcestershire, England. She died in 1917, leaving one son, Thomas Hadley Reynolds, who has taken a course in automobile manufacture and repair, and is now in business with his father. Mr. Reynolds married for his second wife Mrs. Anna Liber, nee Sweeney, who was born in Salem, Ohio.

A. Lamoin Clingan, who died on the 5th of October, 1918, at the age of sixty-two years, was one of the prominent and influential factors in the development and upbuilding of the vital little city of Struthers, Mahoning County, where also he was one of the interested principals in establishing the prosperous hardware business now conducted under the firm name of H. O. Lyon, an enterprise of which adequate description is given on other pages, in the sketch of the career of the junior member of the firm, Harry O. Lyon.

Mr. Clingan was born and reared near Hubbard, Trumbull County, Ohio, the date of his nativity having been February 9, 1856, and his father having been one of the substantial exponents of farm enterprise in that county. The subject of this sketch was reared to the invigorating work of the farm, but in his youth he manifested marked mechanical ability, with the result that eventually he became a skilled artisan. Upon coming to Struthers he found employment in the cooperage plant, but his energy and ambition could not be restricted, and he showed his enterprising spirit by erecting a number of high-grade houses on Hawthorne Street. In the selling of these improved properties he developed a prosperous business and also contributed to the civic and material advancement of the village. He also gave his financial, and a measure of executive, support in the development of the business of the firm of Clingan & Lyon, which began, and continues operations in a building that was owned by him. After the death of his wife, Mr. Clingan lived virtually retired for several years, and within this period he visited his sisters, Mary and Edwerta, who were in active service as evangelistic missionaries in the Ozark mountains in Missouri and Arkansas. Later he erected and presented to his sisters an attractive residence in Missouri. After the death of his wife he passed much of his time in travel, and in this connection it may be noted that for several years he made annual fishing trips into Canada for rest and recreation. He was a man of sterling character, honest and upright in thought, word and deed, and he commanded the unqualified respect of his fellow men. His political views placed him in the ranks of the republican party, he served as a member of the village council of Struthers, and here held membership in the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Clingan first married Miss Sylvia Gault, of Muskingum County, and she died within a few years thereafter, leaving no children. Later Mr. Clingan wedded Mrs. Edith Gaston, of Findlay, this state, and she still maintains her home at Struthers, where the death of her husband occurred. She is an active member of the United Presbyterian Church and is popular in the social life of her home community. Mr. and Mrs. Clingan had no children.

Harry O. Lyon is the active executive head of one of the important and well ordered business enterprises in the thriving little city of Struthers, Mahoning County, where he became associated with the late A. Lamoin Clingan in forming the firm of Clingan & Lyon, which on the 20th of November, 1911, with an invested capital of $2,500, opened a general hardware store at Struthers. From this modest inception has been developed the large and substantial business still conducted under the name of H. O. Lyon, the stock of the establishment now representing an average valuation of about $35,000, and the annual sales having increased to an average of $100,000. The salesrooms are equipped with complete lines of heavy and shelf hardware, stoves, ranges, etc., and the building occupied is a part of the estate of the late A. Lamoin Clingan, who continued as senior member of the firm until the time of his death. In making proper provision for storage in connection with the constantly increasing trade a large warehouse is now utilized in addition to the store itself. On other pages is dedicated a memoir to Mr. Clingan, one of the founders of this business.

Harry O. Lyon was born at Middleton—now known as Mosk—Columbiana County, Ohio, February 5, 1873, and he was a child at the time of the family removal to New Waterford, that county, where he was reared to the age of nineteen years and where he profited by the advantages offered in the public schools. He is a son of Marcena and Hannah J. (Lewis) Lyon, representatives of old and honored families of Columbiana County. Marcena Lyon was for many years successfully engaged

in business as a contractor and builder, was active in local politics as a republican, and was one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Columbiana County at the time of his death in 1893, his wife surviving him by several years.

At the age of sixteen years Harry O. Lyon took a position as clerk in a general store at New Waterford, and four years later he became associated with the general store conducted by the R. S. Chamberlin Company at East Palestine, that county. At that place he subsequently formed a partnership with C. P. Rothwell and opened a general store, under the firm name of Rothwell & Lyon. He continued his connection with this enterprise for six years, and thereafter he was for several years retained as one of the successful traveling salesmen for the Beaver Falls Rubber Company. His assigned territory was eastern Ohio, and thus he frequently came to Mahoning County. Becoming impressed with the alert and progressive village of Struthers, this county, he finally decided to engage in the retail hardware business at this place, the result being the formation of the firm of Clingan & Lyon, as noted in a preceding paragraph of this review. His careful methods, strong initiative and progressive policies have proved potent in the upbuilding of the substantial and prosperous business, of which he has had the active supervision the greater part of the time from the inception, as Mr. Clingan had other interests that required much of his time prior to his death in 1918, since which time the junior member of the firm has continued in executive control of the business. Mr. Lyon is not only a representative business man of the village, but is also known for his civic loyalty and progressiveness. He is a republican in political allegiance and has given effective service as a member of the village council. He was one of the foremost in placing the municipal government upon a stable financial basis and in conserving economy and efficiency in all departments of the village administration. While he has been the staunch champion of progressive municipal policies, he has insistently advocated wise economy in village affairs, and it is a matter of gratification to him to realize that the village is now in a healthy and prosperous condition. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in their home village, in the affairs of which Mrs. Lyon continued to be actively identified until her death.

In 1897 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lyon to Miss Mary Rowe, of East Palestine, Columbiana County, and she was called to the life eternal on the 19th of March, 1919—a woman whose gracious personality had won to her the affectionate regard of all who knew her. LaVelle Lewis Lyon, elder of the two children of this union, was born in 1900, and is now associated with his father's business; Louise Florence, born in 1911, is a student in the public schools of Struthers.

Drayton J. Finney, manufacturer at Niles, has had his home in that city since 1883, and is a member of one of the pioneer families who established homes in the Western Reserve at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

In America the family is much older. The Finneys came from England and settled in New England in 1631. For a number of generations they were substantial New England farmers, and agriculture has been the chief occupation of the several generations who have lived in Eastern Ohio.

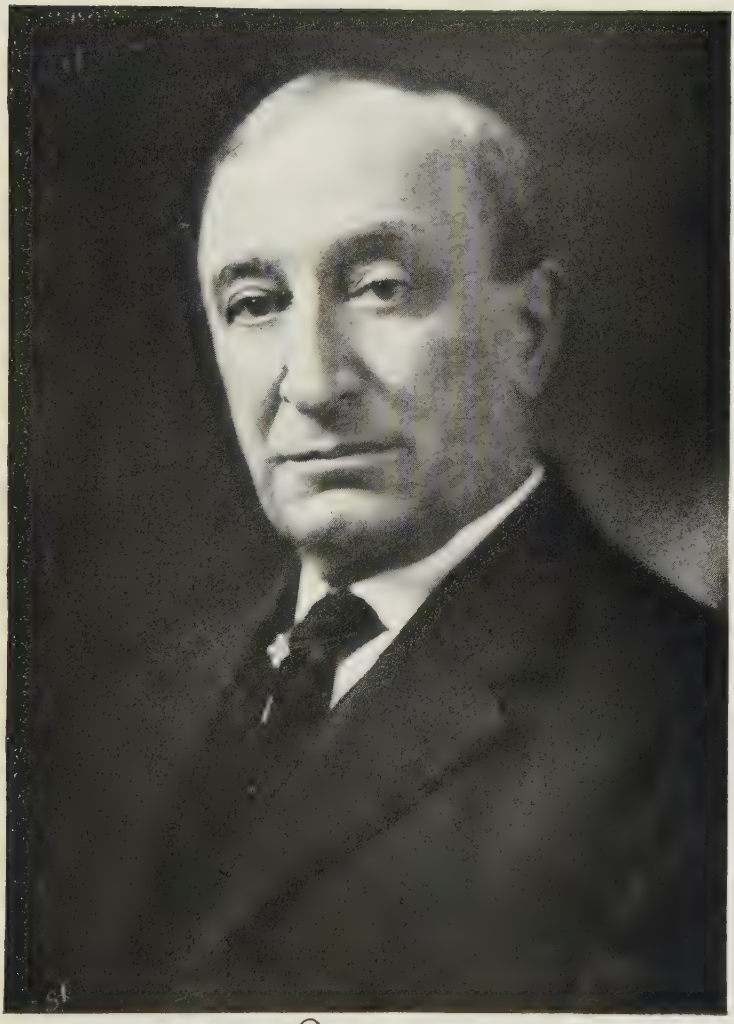
While the colonies were fighting for independence one of the patriot soldiers was Josiah Finney. His son, also named Josiah, was the grandfather of the Niles business man. Josiah Finney was born at Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and represented the fifth generation of the family in America. Josiah, Jr., when a young man came west in 1804 and settled at Johnston in Trumbull County. In the early days he was a captain of militia during the old "training days," and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. After coming west he married Clarissa Bushnell, and they had a large family of nine children, eight reaching mature years.

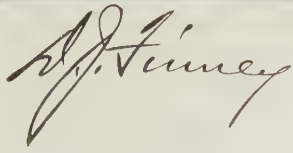
Theron L. Finney, son of Josiah and Clarissa, was born at Johnston, and in early life determined to leave the farm and follow a business career. He worked as a clerk at Johnston and later at Fowler, and at Fowler he married Lucy Fidelia Andrews, a daughter of his employer. With his father-in-law and later alone, he conducted a store at Johnston, and was a very successful merchant.

Drayton J. Finney, the oldest of the five children born to Theron L. Finney and wife, was born at Johnston, Trumbull County, January 9, 1855, and grew up in his native village, attending public schools. At the age of thirteen he was doing regular work in his father's store. Before he was seventeen he began mastering the art of telegraphy and subsequently was employed as a railway telegrapher until the spring of 1883. At that date he came to Niles, where he became associated with his father-in-law, Dr. W. F. Ball, in the retail drug business. Later he acquired the business and conducted it until 1898, when he sold out. Since then various business enterprises have claimed his time and attention. In 1906, associated with E. A. Gilbert, he helped organize the Standard Boiler & Plate Iron Company, one of the leading industries of Niles. He served that corporation as secretary and treasurer until the death of Mr. Gilbert, April, 1920, since which time he has been its president and treasurer. Mr. Finney is also vice president of the Niles Trust Company and is president of the Home Savings & Loan Company.

He has been voting since the Hayes and Tilden campaign of 1876 and almost altogether as a republican. In 1903 he was elected county commissioner of Trumbull County, but declined to become a candidate for a second term on account of the demands of his business. He is a Knight Templar Mason, is a member of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, is a member of the Country Club and the Niles Chamber of Commerce, and is president of the Niles Memorial Library Association.

In 1880 Mr. Finney married Miss Luella M. Ball. Their one son, Carleton W. Finney is now vice president and secretary of the Standard Boiler & Iron Plate Company.





Lee B. Milligan, the present postmaster at Lowellville, is a native son of the Mahoning Valley, a former teacher, and for eight years has given all his time and best energies to the postal service.

He was born at the old Milligan homestead March 13, 1887, in Coitsville Township. His father is James R. Milligan, still living near the old home.

Lee B. Milligan acquired a very thorough education and at the age of twenty began teaching in Mahoning County. For four years he was principal of the East Youngstown schools and had a staff of some eight or ten teachers under him and a scholarship enrollment of about three hundred. When he left school work he entered the Youngstown postoffice, and during the next seven years became qualified in the several branches of this great Government business.

It was as a result of a civil service examination that Mr. Milligan was appointed to his present office of postmaster of Lowellville on January 1, 1919. Lowellville is one of the older postoffices of Mahoning County. It was established at a time when the canal was the great artery of traffic and transportation in the county. Several of the former postmasters have been prominent men of the village. In recent years the business of the office has steadily grown and now in addition to the local service two rural free delivery routes originate at Lowellville.

November 5, 1914, Mr. Milligan married Miss Freda M. Smith, daughter of Henry D. and Edna Smith.

For over half a century the Smith family has been prominent in the commercial life of Lowellville. Mrs. Milligan's grandfather, Henry Smith, established a store in the village more than half a century ago. He was succeeded in its management by his son Henry, and when the latter died in 1911 there was a well qualified successor to take his place, his daughter Freda, who continued the management four years. This old landmark in local commerce is still in operation and in the same building erected by Henry Smith fifty years ago.

The heirs recently took over and are now running the business in the same building and on the same corner their grandfather established fifty years or more ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Milligan have two children, Robert Lee and Ruth Shirley. Mr. Milligan is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

Henry D. Smith was the youngest of four children. His three sisters were Martha, who married John L. Stewart and died in advanced years; Mrs. Sophia Moore, deceased; and Mrs. Mary Newell, who is now connected with the Glenwood Children's Home at Youngstown.

Henry D. Smith was one of the best known men in his section of Mahoning County, and was always an important factor in community affairs, holding nearly all the local offices. He was postmaster during President Cleveland's first term. He was one of the charter members and the first president of the Lowellville Bank. He owned considerable real estate, including the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Milligan. This was his old residence and had been originally built by his father, Henry Smith, who was a skilled carpenter. The house, however, was subsequently removed to its present location, a delightful site overlooking the valley. It has also been thoroughly modernized, and is now one of the attractive homes of the village.

The family of Henry D. Smith consisted of four children: Freda, Mrs. Milligan; Julia Grace, wife of Gaches Hess, of Newcastle, Pennsylvania; Henry Miller, who married Margaret Braatz, and is an electrical engineer with a sheet and tube company at Lowellville; and Anna Elizabeth, wife of Edward Hoffman, a plumber at Youngstown.

Hugh Truesdale Cowden, a retired resident of Struthers, and a director in the Struthers Savings and Banking Company, is an honored survivor of the Civil war and for many years has been identified with the farming and other interests in Mahoning County.

He was born near Poland Center, Trumbull County, August 3, 1845, a son of Samuel M. and Rachael (Truesdale) Cowden. His parents were natives of the same township. The grandfather, Dr. Isaac P. Cowden, came from the vicinity of Harrisburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, to Poland Center in 1806. His three brothers, Joseph, Reynolds and William Cowden, had come to Ohio in 1796, and were among the very first settlers. They located in the same community and all of them spent their lives here. The last of the three brothers was William, who died during the boyhood of Hugh Truesdale Cowden. The father of these four pioneer brothers fell at Yorktown at the concluding battle of the Revolutionary war and was buried on the battlefield. Dr. Isaac Cowden practiced medicine and continued his professional services in Poland until extreme old age.

Samuel M. Cowden spent his life at the old homestead. He had two brothers, Dr. John Cowden of New Bedford, Pennsylvania, and Isaac P. Cowden of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, who lived to old age. Samuel M. Cowden was a farmer and stock grower, and though interested in the success of the anti-slavery cause was never in politics. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church, and several other members of the family have filled a similar post in the church at Poland Center. Samuel M. Cowden died at the old farm at the age of eighty years.

His wife, who died at the age of seventy-eight, was born in the same locality, a daughter of Hugh Truesdale and a granddaughter of John Truesdale, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The Truesdales were likewise among the first arrivals in Poland Township. Hugh Truesdale was a member of Captain Walker's company in the War of 1812. He lived to a good old age. There were five sons and three daughters born to Samuel M. Cowden and wife: Isaac and John, both of whom died in early manhood; Julius W., of Columbus; Samuel Alfred, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; Hugh T.; Julia, widow of J. C. Lawrence, of Struthers; Mary L., Mrs. James R. Stewart, of Poland; and Jennie, who died unmarried.

Hugh Truesdale Cowden acquired a common school education and in 1864, at the age of nineteen, volunteered in Company D of the 155th Ohio In-

fantry under Captain Whitzler. This was a Mahoning County company. He was in the Army of the Potomac and saw some of the hard fighting toward the close of the war. After the war he engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old Cowden farm near Poland Center, and followed that occupation until 1902, when he retired. He is at present a resident of Struthers. For forty years Mr. Cowden has been a member of Tod Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Youngstown, and is a past commander and has attended a number of the national encampments and reunions.

When Mr. Cowden retired from the farm he moved to Struthers, where he has had his home for seventeen years. He was one of the original stockholders of the Struthers Savings and Banking Company and has been on its Board of Directors for twelve years.

Jacob Dilger Waddell is a prominent iron and steel man of the Mahoning Valley and for a number of years has been active in the public and business life of Niles, where he is president of the Mahoning Valley Steel Company.

Mr. Waddell was born on a farm in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County, July 7, 1870, son of John and Catherine (Richert) Waddell. His mother was an Alsatian by birth. His father, who was born at Adria, near Glasgow, Scotland, was nine years of age when, in 1852, his parents came to the United States. He grew up near the old Tod farm in Mahoning County, and has made his mature life one of honor and usefulness. In 1861 he promptly espoused the Union cause, and at the age of seventeen took his place as a member of Battery I, First Ohio Light Artillery. He was with that regiment in all its service for three years and reenlisted for another three years or the remainder of the war. He was under the command of General Rosecrans and other great Federal leaders, and the severity of his service is attested by the fact that he was four times wounded. At the close of the war he received his honorable discharge, and returning to the Mahoning Valley reengaged in the occupation of coal mining and subsequently became a farmer. In recent years he has been retired from active business and makes his home in Youngstown, where he enjoys the companionship of his children and his old army comrades.

Jacob D. Waddell spent his early life on a farm, and supplemented his education in the district schools with a year in a business college at Meadville, Pennsylvania. He learned stenography, and for a year was in the office of the division passenger agent of the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad, first at Warren and then at Youngstown. With that exception his mature career has been entirely identified with the iron and steel industry. His first training in the business was under James A. Campbell of Youngstown. For two years he was with the Falcon Iron and Nail Company at Niles under Arms Brothers, for four years with the Mahoning Valley Iron Company, Youngstown, for a similar period with the American Sheet & Steel Company, with headquarters in New York City, and for four years was secretary and treasurer of the Empire Iron and Steel Company, now the Empire Plant of the Brier Hill Steel Company. After that until 1916 Mr. Waddell was general manager of sales of the Brier Hill Steel Company.

He resigned to organize the Mahoning Valley Steel Company, became its president, and has directed the company's growing business until it now is one of the largest plants at Niles. He is also secretary and a director of the Niles Trust Company, having officiated in that capacity since the organization of the company. He is the present and first president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Waddell is a Knight Templar Mason, has attained thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite, is affiliated with Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, and is a member of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, the Union Club of Cleveland, the Youngstown and Youngstown Country clubs, the Warren Country Club, the Trumbull Club of Warren, and the Niles Club of Niles. December 12, 1917, he married Miss Mary Ann Thomas. Her father, John R. Thomas, was one of the most widely known citizens of Niles.

James R. Stewart. From the safe vantage ground of his farm in Poland Township James R. Stewart has been an interested witness of progress and change in Mahoning County during the past fifty years. He has been unwavering in his loyalty to the soil as a means of winning a livelihood, and has never yielded to the attractive opportunities offered by the great neighboring industries. He has tilled the soil, has grown something like forty successive crops in Poland Township, and has tried to perform his duties as a good citizen, friend, neighbor and homemaker.

Mr. Stewart was born at Coitsville in Mahoning County, December 18, 1856. He is a member of that old and prominent branch of the Stewart family in Mahoning County, where they have had their seat for over a hundred years, the family genealogy being sketched elsewhere under the name of Mr. Stewart's brother, David H. Stewart.

James R. Stewart was about ten years of age when his parents moved to Poland and to the house where James R. Stewart still lives. This house was originally built by a Mr. Campbell. Mr. Stewart grew up on this farm, attended school at Poland, and remained with his father until the latter died. For a number of years prior to that time he had had practical charge of the farm. His father on coming to Poland first bought twenty-five acres, then acquired twenty-five acres adjoining on the east, and later seventy-seven acres on the north. In the division of the property James R. Stewart acquired the original twenty-five acres and also some additional land, so that his present farm consists of fifty-two acres. Mr. Stewart has always been a diversified farmer, keeping up the fertility of his fields by judicious rotation of crops and by keeping a herd of dairy cattle. He has a silo, and keeps a herd of Jersey cows. His milk is sold wholesale and goes to supply the market at Youngstown. Mrs. Stewart also takes an active interest in the productive work

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of the farm, and has a flock of 150 Rhode Island Red chickens.

The Stewart home occupies a pleasant elevation and has the mellow character of a place that has been lived in through a long period of years. One of its attractive features is a large elm tree, near the front door, under the shade of which two or three generations of children have played. Mr. Stewart is a republican, and for the past twenty-five years has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Poland, with which all members of the family are identified.

Mr. Stewart married for his first wife Lizzie McNab, daughter of James McNab, a neighbor of the Stewarts. She died two years later, leaving one son, James A. This son is now twenty-two years of age, and has relieved his father of the heavier burdens of the farm work and management. October 13, 1898, Mr. Stewart married Mary Cowden, sister of H. T. Cowden, and she died July 19, 1920. The old Cowden home is a mile and a half southeast of Poland Center. After her marriage Mrs. Stewart was closely devoted to her home and family, and was also a woman of varied intellectual interests. For six or seven years she taught in the district and village schools of Poland and had a high school education. They had one daughter, Rachel Truesdale, who graduated from the Poland High School and spent one year in the Rayen High School at Youngstown. She is a young woman of marked social and intellectual tastes. She is an active member of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society, is a Sunday school worker, and is an amateur naturalist, being a recognized authority on the flora of Mahoning County. She has mounted some 300 specimens of native wild flowers found in the county, and her exhibit was awarded a prize at the County Fair. She has also been called upon to read papers for the Women's Club at Youngstown.

William Dehn, Jr. One of the younger industrial and commercial centers of Trumbull County is Struthers. William Dehn, Jr., has been identified with its growth and development practically from the beginning. Mr. Dehn for the past five years has rendered splendid service in the capacity of postmaster.

He was born at Hubbard in Trumbull County February 13, 1874, son of William and Mary (Gundlach) Dehn. His parents were natives of Mecklenburg, Germany, and the children came with their respective parents to Trumbull County. William Dehn, Sr., and wife are still living on their farm south of Hubbard. As a young man he worked in the Hubbard mills, but for the past thirty-five years has devoted his skill, good judgment and energy to farming. He is a skilled musican and for many years was leader of the cornet band of Hubbard.

William Dehn, Jr., spent his early life on his father's farm, attended the Hubbard public school, and as a young man learned the barber's trade. In August, 1899, he opened his shop at Struthers. That shop occupied the site of the present postoffice. Struthers at that time was a town more in promise and prospect than in reality. Only one other building stood on the opposite side of the street from Mr. Dehn's shop, and there were a few scattering ones elsewhere in the village limits. He therefore had a share in the early struggles of the village, and for fifteen years his energies were given to his trade, and in the meantime a rapid increase in population caused him to enjoy a profitable business.

He sold out in June, 1914, to accept his present place as postmaster. At that time the postoffice was housed in a building giving it less than 800 square feet. Soon after Mr. Dehn became postmaster arrangements were made with William Creed, one of the leading realty owners, to construct a high class building which the Government has snce leased for office purposes. This building affords three times as much space as the former one, yet it is an interesting index of the growth of Struthers, both in population and in business, that the present quarters are completely outgrown and inadequate for the volume of mail and service transacted. The Struthers postoffice more than doubled its volume of business and receipts in five years, and on that basis has been raised to a second class office. Mr. Dehn has been devoted to his work from the time he accepted the commission, has given his personal time and energies to the affairs of the postoffice, and has studied means of improving the local service, so that no warranted criticism has ever been made since his administration. Steps have been taken at the time of this writing (1920) for free delivery.

February 1, 1899, at the age of twenty-five, Mr. Dehn married Mary J. Williams, of Hubbard, daughter of the late Lewis Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Dehn own a handsome brick bungalow, which they built. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for fifteen years he has served as chorister. He is active in the local Chamber of Commerce, is a Mason, and is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

Joseph Kimbel Horne. Among the prominent citizens whom Struthers has been called upon to mourn within the past few years none are more genuinely missed than the late Joseph Kimbel Horne, whose record, without blemish or flaw, bespeaks his integrity and worth, although it was those with whom he was brought into closest touch that could fully appreciate the great heart and strong nature of the man. Quietly and unostentatiously, he labored for the improvement and betterment of the community, and his influence for good has long been felt in business, social and religious circles. While in his death a circle of friends limited only by his acquaintanceship mourned his loss, the needy and helpless were deprived of a benevolent friend, his kindly words and many deeds of charity having brightened many a sad heart and made life's burdens easier to bear.

Mr. Horne was born in Chili, Ohio, May 12, 1851, and was practically a life-long resident of Ohio. Soon after his marriage he located in Windham, Portage County, where he resided for a score or more of years. In 1895 he embarked in the flour and feed business at Youngstown, and in its management was quite successful. Coming from there to Struthers in 1902, Mr. Horne established what has since developed into one of the most prosperous

business enterprises of this section of the Mahoning Valley, the firm of J. K. Horne & Son, of which he was at the head, having built up an extensive and lucrative trade in grain, coal and builders' supplies.

Fond of travel, sometimes on business and sometimes on pleasure bent, he saw much of this continent, more especially of the Gulf countries, having spent several months in Cuba, and having visited different Gulf ports. A prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Horne was one of its most liberal supporters, and took a deep interest in the erection of the present church edifice, which would do credit to a much larger community.

Mr. Horne married, October 1, 1871, Margaret Wilson and into their household two children were born, namely: Etta Ellen, wife of W. C. Shafer, of Struthers, a confectioner and news dealer; and Clair Frank, who, immediately after his graduation from the Youngstown High School in 1907 was admitted to partnership with his father, becoming junior member of the firm of J. K. Horne & Son. A man of excellent business capacity and judgment, Clair Frank Horne is managing the affairs of the firm with ability, and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He married, October 21, 1915, Alice Phoebe Gough, and they have one child, Joseph Kimbel Horne, born June 23, 1919.

George L. Campbell is probably the dean of the fire insurance business in the Mahoning Valley. For over forty-five years he has been steadily in that line of work at Niles. In the literal sense Mr. Campbell could not be called an insurance solicitor, many years having passed since he could make any claim to that title. He has built up a clientele which has been loyal to him by reason of his upright dealings and thorough knowledge, and various important business interests have sought out his services. His work is now largely of an advisory nature, a confidential relationship between him and his clients.

Several generations of the Campbell family have been identified with Trumbull County. His father, George Campbell, was born near Church Hill, a son of Irish parents. The father of George on coming from Ireland located in what is now Liberty Township of Trumbull County, though at the time most of this district was a trackless wilderness. George Campbell grew up among pioneer surroundings, and had little opportunity to gain an education. The intelligent exercise of strength was a more important asset at that time than formal book learning. As he grew up he helped clear the 140-acre tract owned by his father, and the rich forest growth was converted into charcoal. The Campbell family operated a number of charcoal kilns, and much of the product was sold to the old Heaton Furnace. On the old farm George Campbell discovered coal, probably one of the first discoveries of that mineral on the Ridge. George Campbell was an exceptionally able business man, accumulated other tracts of land, also operated a small store, and was active in his locality until carried off by an epidemic of typhoid fever in 1852. Of Irish parentage but of Protestant stock, he became active in the Presbyterian faith and rigidly adhered to the old tenets.

George Campbell married Mary McConnell, daughter of John McConnell, who was one of the contemporary pioneers of the locality with the father of George Campbell. To their marriage were born nine children: John, Calvin, Allen, William, Eliza, Alexander, Nancy Jane, George L. and Luther. Only the last three are now living, Nancy Jane being Mrs. John Leavitt. Eliza, William and Alexander never married. Descendants of the others are widely scattered over the country.

George L. Campbell was born at the old home farm on Mineral Ridge, November 9, 1844, and as he grew up was thoroughly trained in the routine of farm work. He had a public school education and after the death of his father, which occurred when he was only eight years old, he did what he could to help his mother. Later for several years he lived in different sections and worked at different occupations. For three months he was in the Union Army as a member of the 171st Ohio National Guard, and helped repel the Morgan raid through Southern Ohio. He was in the battle at Kelly's Bridge in Kentucky against Morgan's men, a battle in which the Federals lost eighteen and eighty-four of the enemy were killed.

Mr. Campbell founded his general fire insurance business at Niles in 1874. Aside from the demands made upon him by business he has taken a public spirited interest in other local affairs, and is a stockholder in several business enterprises. For eight years he was superintendent of the City Waterworks, is a member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, and is a Master Mason. Politically he is a republican, and is a Presbyterian.

In 1864 he married Miss Mary Garside, and their companionship continued for half a century, until her death on February 16, 1914. Five children were born to their marriage: James B., in the insurance business at Niles; Charles L., a resident of Sharon, Pennsylvania; George E., credit manager of the McKelvey Company of Youngstown; Nellie; and Cordelia, wife of Col. L. J. Campbell, of Youngstown.

James W. Sexton. Of pioneer ancestry and honored Revolutionary stock, James W. Sexton, of Struthers, is distinguished not only as a native born citizen, his birth having occurred here June 21, 1847, but for the acceptable service he has rendered his fellow-townsmen as justice of peace during the thirty-five years he has held the office, his wise advice as a magistrate ever tending to allay rather than foster disturbances of any kind. He is a son of the late Joseph Sexton, and grandson of Stephen Sexton, an early settler of Mahoning County and a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

His great-grandfather, Lawrence Sexton, was reared in New Jersey. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Jane King and they were married by the Rev. John Baxter at Chester, Pennsylvania, he following his trade of carpenter, and both were members of the Presbyterian congregation of Chester.

Some months after their marriage the congrega-

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tion was building a log church at Chester and he and others present at the raising were attacked by the Indians. His father-in-law, Mr. King, and Rev. John Baxter were killed, and Lawrence Sexton was severely wounded and six weeks later died of his wounds.

Stephen Sexton was born about seven months after his father's death and Stephen's mother subsequently remarried and settled in Washington County, Virginia, where Stephen Sexton grew to manhood's years and as a brave soldier in the Revolutionary Army participated in the battle of Saratoga and wintered with Washington at Valley Forge. He took an active part in many hard-fought battles and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Coming to Mahoning County in 1801, he cleared a few acres of land in Poland Township, built a log cabin and returned to Washington County, Pennsylvania, and removed his family to his new home, landing here April 15, 1802. He lived to the venerable age of ninety-three years and at his death his body was laid to rest in the old Poland Cemetery, his grave being indicated by a Sons of American Revolution marker. His homestead farm of 200 acres is now owned by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. He reared four sons. John, the eldest, served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and the musket that he carried at the battle of Detroit is now owned by his grand nephew of Hubbard, Ohio, Frank Sexton. His son, Stephen Sexton, Jr., died in Poland Township and his body was the second buried in Riverside Cemetery at Poland, Ohio. Joseph Sexton was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, near Cannonsburg, April 7, 1796, and died in Struthers, Mahoning County, in 1890, aged ninety-four years. His first wife was Margaret Justice. After her decease he married Hannah Woods, of Western Pennsylvania, of whom James W. Sexton is the only survivor.

Numbered among the older citizens of Struthers, James W. Sexton has practically spent all of his life within its boundaries, and has contributed his full share towards advancing its growth and prosperity. As a young man he assisted in making the original survey of the village, being pole bearer, and is, mayhap, more familiar with the history of the place than any other one person. A farmer by occupation, he has met with well deserved success as a tiller of the soil. As justice of the peace Mr. Sexton has ever encouraged due respect for the law, and it can be truly said that his influence has done as much, if not more, than that of any other one individual to make Struthers a desirable place of residence.

Mr. Sexton married in 1869 Jennie E. Wolverton. She passed to the life beyond in 1899, leaving three children, namely: Bessie, living with her father, is assistant circulation manager for the Vindicator, a leading newspaper of Youngstown; Ada, wife of J. G. Funkhouser, of Struthers; and Frank, of Trumbull County, Ohio, a successful agriculturist.

George Schoenfelder. Of the large population living and working at Struthers, there are few who do not know and esteem George Schoenfelder, the popular postmaster of the Amlyon branch postoffice, and also member of the firm Runge & Schoenfelder, grocers and meat dealers.

Mr. Schoenfelder, who for many years followed his trade as an electrician, and first came to the Mahoning Valley in that capacity, was born April 4, 1884, in Silesia, Germany, and came to the United States in 1895 with his parents, Rudolph and Emma Schoenfelder. The family located in Chicago, where his father lived until his death. He was a decorator by trade. George Schoenfelder was a resident of Chicago for eighteen years, completing his education there and learning electrical work, particularly installation and house-wiring.

In 1914 he came to Youngstown as motor inspector for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. After two years he and Mr. Runge put their funds together, amounting to only $1,500 in all, and started their present business. They built their store at Struthers in 1918, and have been in one spot for three years. Their business has grown so rapidly that about $15,000 is now needed for the stock and the operation of the business from day to day. Both partners are in the store from opening until closing time, Mrs. Schoenfelder also does her share, and there are three clerks besides.

On January 1, 1919, the Amlyon branch of Struthers postoffice was established in the Runge & Schoenfelder store. Amlyon, named in honor of Mr. A. M. Lyon, is the name of the finest residence section of Struthers, and it is the home trade of the best people of this vicinity to which the firm of Runge & Schoenfelder especally cater. Mr. Schoenfelder married in 1916 Mss Hattie Runge, a sister of his business partner Carl Runge. Mr. Schoenfelder is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Carl Runge is senior partner in the firm of Runge & Schoenfelder, whose grocery and market is probably the most popular trading center in the residential section of Struthers. Besides the high class merchandise they purvey their store is also the headquarters of the Amlyon branch postoffice, which was established early in 1919 to serve this new residential section of Struthers.

Mr. Runge was born in Silesia, Germany, March 7, 1895, and was twelve years of age when brought to the United States by his parents, Carl and Annie Runge. The family lived in Baltimore, Ohio, for a time and then moved to Chicago, where the father is still a resident. Carl Runge, Sr., is a wagon maker by trade. The son Carl grew up in Chicago, attended grade schools, and since the age of sixteen his chief business has been as a market man and butcher. His sister married Mr. Schoenfelder, and three years ago Mr. Runge came to the Mahonng Valley and helped start the present business at Struthers. He is unmarried, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Harry C. Walther. Possessing not only excellent business qualifications, but artistic tastes and a natural love of flowers, Harry C. Walther, of 29 Wood Street, Youngstown, a well-known florist, has closely applied himself to his favorite in-

dustry, and is meeting with eminent success, at his flower shop, being kept busy in meeting the demands of his many patrons. A native of Youngstown, he was born in 1889, a son of Christopher Walther, Jr., and grandson of Christopher Walther, Sr. The grandfather, born in Germany eighty-six years ago, was for a long time wreck boss on the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, but is now living retired from active pursuits in Youngstown.

Christopher Walther, Jr., was born in the Mahoning Valley August 21, 1861, and was there brought up and educated. Beginning work on a rialroad as a boy, he has been in the service of the Erie Railroad Company since early life, at the present writing, in 1919, being an engineer in the Youngstown yards. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Clara Reel, reside in this city, their home being at 219 Scott Street.

Having acquired his preliminary education in the Elm Street school, Harry C. Walther took a course in bookkeeping and shorthand at Hall's Business College, becoming proficient in both branches of study. Interested in flowers from his youth up, the business of a florist appealed to him, and he entered the establishment of Walker & McLean on Federal Street, where he obtained a practical knowledge of the art of caring for, buying, and distributing flowers and plants. In 1912 Mr. Walther opened his present flower shop at 29 West Wood Street, and has since built up a large and constantly growing business, his persistent industry, fair and upright dealings, and wise attention to the details of his business having won him the patronage of people from all parts of the city. Buying his products in the open market, Mr. Walther is enabled to keep a fresh and choice stock of flowers and plants always on hand, and to give his customers the best of service, his slogan being "Say it with flowers."

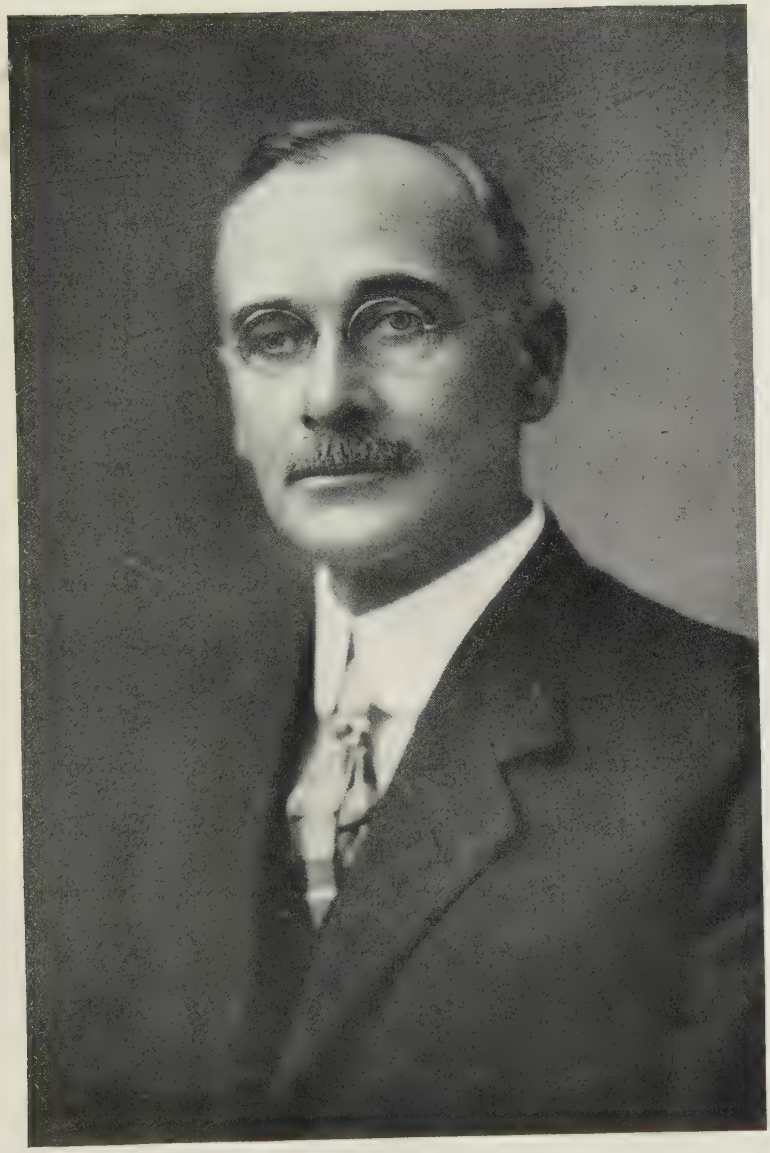
In 1911 Mr. Walther was united in marriage with Miss Elva Webb, of Mercer, Pennsylvania. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Walther are members of the Christian Church. Fraternally Mr. Walther belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and to the Knights of Pythias. Socially he is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Ett S. Smith, director of the Board of Public Service in Youngstown, has for many years been a prominent civil engineer in Mahoning County, and before taking up the responsible duties of his present office was county surveyor and also highway superintendent.

His people have lived in what is now the City of Youngstown for more than a century. His birthplace, where he first saw the light of day, June 26, 1860, was on the old Robbins farm then in Youngstown Township, now in the City of Youngstown, and in that locality he has spent his life. His parents were James and Harriet (Gourley) Smith. The former was born on Mill Creek Hill just adjoining Idora Park, where his father, William Smith, had settled in 1804. William Smith, who came from Washington County, Pennsylvania, had his choice of a home governed by the presence of a spring on Mill Creek, and near that spring he built a house and developed a farm. He lived to the ripe age of ninety-six. James Smith, also a farmer, likewise established his home near a spring, on the Robbins farm, and that home for a number of years was the log house in which Ett S. Smith was born. James Smith, who died at the age of seventy-five, was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, was one of the founders of the Tabernacle and for many years served as an elder. The house where he died has been the home of Ett S. Smith for fifty years. It is at 2237 Glenwood Avenue, and when built the house was out in the country. James Smith first married Mary Ann Gibson, of an old family of the Mahoning Valley. She was the mother of two sons, William and James F., the latter of whom served as a Union soldier during the Civil war. Harriet Gourley, the second wife of James Smith, died at the age of seventy-two. She was a sister of Squire Gourley and came from West Virginia. Her six children were: Nancy, unmarried; Hannah, widow of David Houston, both these daughters living in homes built on the old Smith place at 2364 Glenwood Avenue; James, Jr., who was a pioneer and had a large farm on the Hubbard Road, now deceased; Joseph, who resides at Pleasant Grove, now a part of the city; George B., deceased, an attorney by profession who served as justice of the peace six years; and Ett S.

Ett S. Smith as a boy attended the Fosterville School and the Rayen High School and studied engineering at Iron City College in Pittsburgh. Leaving school at the age of twenty-two, he was first employed as a bookkeeper, then for a few years as assistant surveyor, and from that launched into a steady practice as surveyor and civil engineer. He was at one time engineer for the Pittsburgh Coal Company, doing a great deal of work in surveying and planning their mines and other properties. He was also employed in an engineering capacity in street railway construction. For many years he was engineer for the Mill Creek Park Commission, locating many of the driveways, built Lake Glacier Dam, and assisted Volney Rogers in beautifying and laying out Mill Creek Park.

Mahoning County at present has about 400 miles of improved roads; 300 miles are composed of macadam, concrete or bituminous construction, and nearly 100 miles of brick and concrete. Mr. Smith has had something to do with all these improvements. For three years he was in charge as engineer of the Special Road District, composed of Youngstown, Austintown, Jackson and Boardman townships. For eight years he served as county surveyor and superintendent of state, county and township highways. While county surveyor he was appointed on the Legislative Committee of the Ohio Engineers Society. Serving with A. R. Taylor, the present state highway commissioner, and W. A. Alsdorf, secretary to the Ohio Road Federation, he assisted in recodifying the road laws of Ohio into what is known as the Cass Highway Bill. This necessitated the repealing of twenty-three old and obsolete road laws then on the statute books and adopting the present workable system.



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In 1887 Mr. Smith married Miss Jennie Crowe, who was born at Northwood, Ohio, where her father, Dr. S. J. Crowe, a Presbyterian minister, was at one time president of Northwood College. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children: John Earl; Jeannette, wife of Ralph R. Miller, an attorney; and Delbert, still in school. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the South United Presbyterian Church on Market Street. For eight years he has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and for a similar time a member of the Ohio Road Federation. He is also a member of the Automobile Club, the Kiwanis Club, the American Association of Engineers, the Ohio Engineers' Society, which he served as president during the year 1919, and the Youngstown Society of Engineers, which he served as president in 1916.

Charles J. Jackson is a native of the Mahoning Valley, and for the past thirteen years has been achieving a most favorable and dignified position among the lawyers of Youngstown.

He was born on a farm in Bloomfield Township of Trumbull County, January 27, 1877. His father, Joseph Jackson, was born in Ireland in 1840, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. When he was twelve years of age he was brought to the United States. His father, Alexander Jackson, had died in Ireland and he came to this country with his widowed mother, Eleanor Jackson, who located in Bloomfield Township of Trumbull County. Joseph Jackson helped with the farm work and attended school until October 5, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Company A of the Sixth Ohio Cavalry. He was for three years a soldier helping to put down the rebellion, and fought in many of the memorable battles in Virginia. He received an honorable discharge October 5, 1864, and then resumed his place on the farm and made agriculture his steady vocation throughout the rest of his life. He died in 1912. After the war he was satisfied to find his duty on the farm, and therefore lived a quiet life, but one of irreproachable character and sound public spirit. He married Sarah M. Jackson, who is still living. Of their three children two reached mature years, J. C. and Charles J.

Charles J. Jackson lived on his father's farm to the age of thirty. In the meantime he had graduated from the Bloomfield High School in 1897 and in 1899 from the New Lyme Institute. For a year after that he was a teacher and then for two years a student in Adelbert College of Western Reserve University at Cleveland. Again returning home, he helped handle the farm and also was employed in a local bank for about two years. Mr. Jackson took the three years' course in law at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, graduating in 1907. In a class of 176 applicants at the state bar examination he stood first, with a percentage of 95 1-10th.

With this thorough preparation Mr. Jackson came to Youngstown in October, 1907, and for about six years was connected with the title department of the Realty Trust Company. Since then he has found all his time and talents taken up with a general practice of law. He is a Methodist and a democrat.

November 16, 1915, he married Mabel C. Smith, of Green Township, Trumbull County. She is a daughter of Newton S. Smith.

Isadore S. Weil, a merchant of more than twenty years' standing in Youngstown is president and treasurer of the Weil Shoe Company, a development out of his early modest enterprise at Youngstown and now a business represented in a number of localities by branch stores.

Mr. Weil was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1874, son of Simon and Clara (Arnold) Weil. His parents were born in Germany and came when young people to the United States, where they were married. Simon Weil was a retail shoe merchant and at different times had stores at Reading, Altoona and New Castle, Pennsylvania. About 1902 he came to Youngstown and thereafter lived retired until his death on August 24, 1917. He was of the Jewish faith and was affiliated with the Masons and Odd Fellows. Though born in Germany, he was intensely loyal to America and her institutions. His widow is still living at Youngstown, and celebrated her eighty-first birthday April 12, 1920.

Isadore S. Weil, one of four children, finished his high school education at Altoona, Pennsylvania. He learned the shoe business as clerk in his father's store, and in 1897, with his experience and a modest capital, opened a store at New Castle, Pennsylvania. From there in 1899 he removed to Youngstown, and with his uncle, Isaac Arnold, established the firm of Weil & Arnold. Their business grew and prospered and at the death of Mr. Arnold in 1903 Mr. Weil became successor to the firm and eventually moved from the old location in the Excelsior Block to 207 West Federal Street. At that time Mr. Weil began expanding the scope of his enterprise and incoroprated the Weil Shoe Company. This company now operates a chain of nine stores, with the main office of management in Youngstown, at 255 West Federal Street. The branch stores are located as follows: Akron, Canton, Dayton, Springfield, Toledo and Steubenville, Ohio, Wheeling, West Virginia and Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Weil is active in the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the Masons and Elks and is a republican. June 3, 1907, he married Miss Sadie E. Bachman, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Their two sons are Harold B. and Max B.

Harry C. Hoffman, a banker, a lawyer by training and also thoroughly versed in business affairs, has been identified with Youngstown since 1908, and has been one of the men who have contributed to the success and standing of the Youngstown Citizens Savings Company.

Mr. Hoffman was born at Cheshire in Gallia County, Ohio, July 11, 1878, and comes of a very patriotic family. His father, James H. Hoffman, was a carpenter by trade and served all through the Civil war, at first in the Seventh West Virginia Cavalry and later in the Eighth West Virginia Infantry. Two of his brothers, and one

brother of his wife were also in the war and paid the supreme sacrifice with their lives for the cause. Several other members of the family were in the great conflict. James H. Hoffman married Electa McCarty.

Harry C. Hoffman was four years of age when his father died, his early death being occasioned by disease contracted in the war. The son grew up in his native community of Cheshire, attended public schools, read law, and in order to complete his legal education he earned money as a teacher. He graduated from the law department of the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso in 1900, and then continued teaching until 1906. On leaving the schoolroom Mr. Hoffman located at Cleveland, as a representative of the International Correspondence School of Scranton, also as special agent for Collier's Weekly.

Continuing as representative for Collier's, Mr. Hoffman removed to Youngstown in 1908. He resigned that post in 1910 to establish a general collection agency, and built up a profitable business which he sold in 1917 in order to take an active part in the organization of the Youngstown Citizens Savings Company. He has served that corporation as secretary, general manager and attorney. He has also engaged in the practice of law, having taken the bar examination in June, 1914. Nearly all his work as a lawyer has been confined to probate and real estate practice.

Mr. Hoffman has been an exponent of the progressive brand of republican politics. He was on the progressive ticket as candidate for state senator in 1914. A believer in the great principle of fraternalism, he is a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Sons of Veterans, and is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Baptist Church. Mr. Hoffman married Miss Edna E. Swisher, of Cheshire, Ohio, September 4, 1904. They have one daughter, Mariellen.

John W. Eaton. With growing business connections for thirty-five years and with a hearty and wholesome cooperation in the welfare of the community, John W. Eaton is everywhere known as one of the most constructive citizens of Niles. Particularly has he assisted his community in the matter of good roads and good schools.

Mr. Eaton was born at East Palestine, Columbiana County, Ohio, May 10, 1852. His grandfather was Hugh Eaton, a pioneer settler in Columbiana County from Washington County, Pennsylvania. John W. Eaton, of Niles, is the only child of John W. and Mary Ann (Eyester) Eaton. His father grew up on a farm in Columbiana County. As a young man he walked eighty miles to Meadville to enter Allegheny College. With a liberal education acquired largely by his own efforts, he became a teacher, and one of his pupils was Mary Ann Eyester. He was a man of strong convictions, had a well deserved reputation for wisdom, and stood high in the esteem of his neighbors. He died May 12, 1852, two days after the birth of his only son.

John W. Eaton spent most of his youth in the home of his maternal grandfather, Elias Eyester, Sr., in Green Township, Mahoning County, three miles east of Salem. His environment was a farm, and in proportion to his strength he was assigned a routine of farm work. He attended the district schools and also attended Mount Union College.

As has been true of many successful business men, Mr. Eaton learned a mechanical trade, at Hubbard, Ohio. He became a resident of Niles in 1883, in which year he entered the hardware and stove business. For twenty years of his career as a merchant he was also the local agent of the Adams Express Company. Later he added a builders' supply department, and in 1914 sold out his hardware stock and with his son Howard T. organized the Eaton Builders' Supply Company, a business that has rapidly grown and is one of the substantial business houses of Niles. Mr. Eaton was also one of the incorporators and from the beginning has served as vice president and a director of the Dollar Savings Bank Company at Niles.

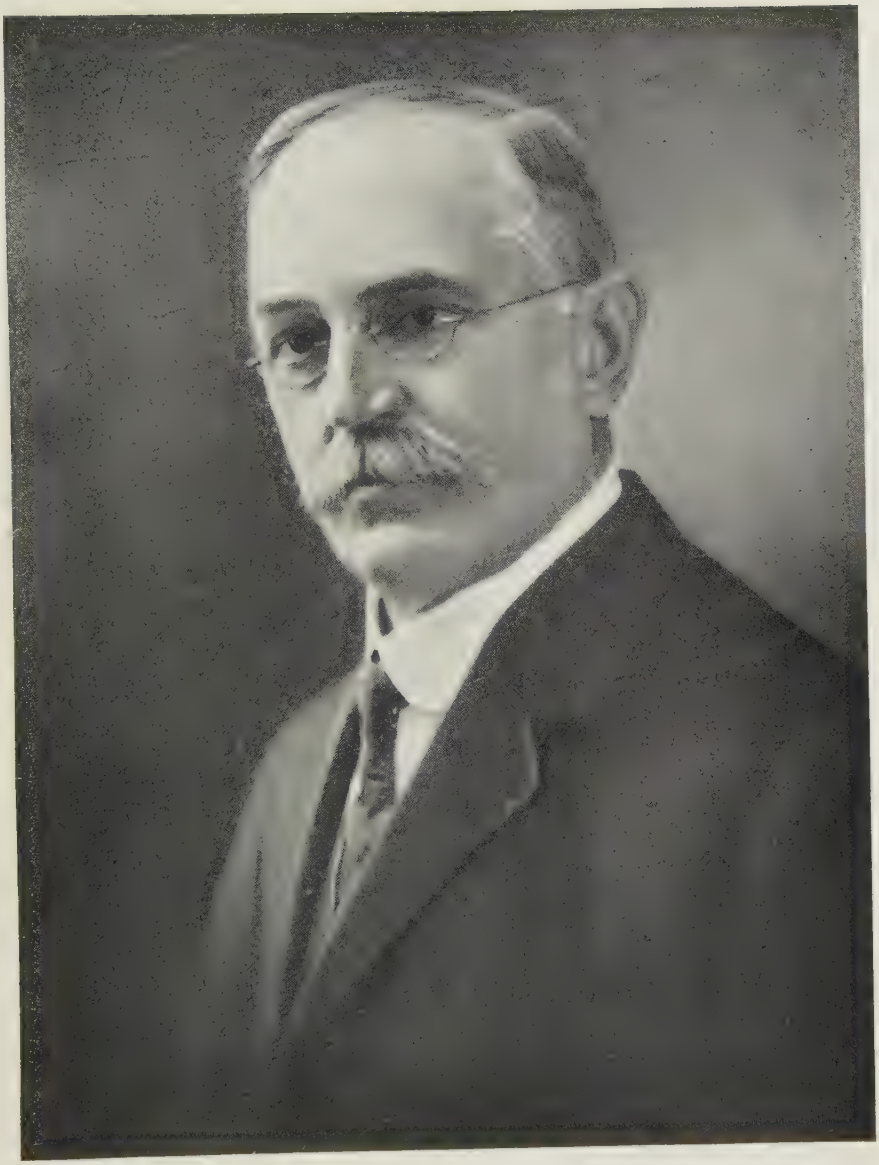
Reference has already been made to his keen interest in the good roads question. He was one of the three men to call a meeting to organize the Good Roads District No. 2, including Weathersfield and Lordstown townships in Trumbull County. From this initial movement came about the improvement of many miles of roads in these two townships. Later he was appointed Good Roads Commissioner in Weathersfield Township, serving until the office was abolished by the Legislature.

Mr. Eaton served for fifteen years as a member of the Niles School Board, three terms as president and two terms as secretary. For three terms he was township treasurer. He is a republican, an active member of the Niles Board of Trade, which he served one term as president and for a number of years as a director. He is active in the Chamber of Commerce, which succeeded the Board of Trade organization. He was appointed to represent the Warren and the Niles Boards of Trade for the Trumbull County Delegation on the Lake Erie and Ohio River Canal Commission, and attended all the Pittsburgh meetings and the one at Washington in December, 1919. Mr. Eaton and wife are members of the Methodist Church.

On Christmas Day, 1873, he married Miss Margaret Johnston, of Hubbard, Ohio. She died in 1883, the mother of two children: Anna M., wife of R. L. McCorkle, of Niles, and Charles A., of Niles, Ohio. On February 25, 1885, Mr. Eaton married Miss Mary Tiefel, of Niles. They have two children: Howard T., his father's business partner; and Erma M., wife of Carl H. Stewart.

George P. Thomas has been a factor in the Home Savings and Loan Company of Youngstown for over twenty years, a connection accompanied by quiet and efficient service that has meant much to the growing welfare and prosperity of the institution.

Mr. Thomas was born at Youngstown September 13, 1874, a son of Henry H. and Jane (Pritchard) Thomas. His father, a native of Wales, spent his early life as a seafaring man, and shortly after the Civil war came to the United States to visit his brother John W., then living at Youngstown. The



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visit ended with his becoming a permanent resident, and for upwards of half a century he was identified with the coal mines and steel mills of the Mahoning Valley. He is still living in advanced years. His wife, Jane Pritchard, was born at Youngstown and died in 1881. Her father, Thomas Pritchard was a blacksmith in the early days, and is credited with making the first furnace twyers ever made at Youngstown.

The oldest of four children, George P. Thomas grew up in Youngstown, graduating from the Rayen High School in 1895, and four years later, in 1899, earned the well-merited A. B. degree from Oberlin College. As a young college man he entered the offices of the Home Savings & Loan Company in the spring of 1900, and his abilities have given him increasing responsibilities. For the last ten or twelve years he has been with the loan department and now has the title and responsibilities of loan officer.

Mr. Thomas is a republican and a member of the First Baptist Church. October 23, 1915, he married Miss Loretta C. Burky, daughter of M. H. Burky, one of the oldest members of the bar of Mahoning County. Mrs. Thomas has also been identified with the Home Savings and Loan Company for the past fifteen years, and is now chief title clerk.

William G. Taggart, general agent for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company at Youngstown, is one of the most efficient men connected with this company and is a towering figure in railroad circles in the state. He was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, which is now included in the City of Pittsburgh. He is a son of Andrew Taggart, Jr., now an assistant chief engineer in the Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, and his wife, Mary (Gibson) Taggart. Andrew Taggart, Jr., is a son of Andrew Taggart, who came from Ireland to the United States in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of butchering.

Andrew Taggart, Jr., grew to manhood in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, and learned the carpenter trade. During the war between the North and the South he served in the Union army as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third and the One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the engagements at Antietam, Bull Run, Gettysburg, Wilderness and other battles, and was slightly wounded.

William G. Taggart was reared in his native city, where he attended the public schools, and when he was fourteen years old began to make himself useful as a cash boy in a dry goods establishment at Pittsburgh, and received a salary of $1.25 per week for his services. Following this he was messenger boy in the office of the chief engineer of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad. Subsequently he became coal clerk for the same company, and at the same time took up the study of stenography under the tutelage of C. C. Ramsey, who later became president of the Crucible Steel Company of America. Having gained a working knowledge of this calling, Mr. Taggart became stenographer and bookkeeper for William H. Herron & Sons, real estate dealers at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On May 1, 1886, Mr. Taggart became an employe of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, and has been in the employ of this road continuously ever since. He began his period of service as a stenographer to F. A. Dean, general freight agent, and during the time thus employed he also served as rate and voucher clerk. Mr. Taggart is a man who has never been satisfied to simply discharge the duties which fell to his share, but has always tried to learn those of the man above him and when the opportunity came for promotion he was ready for it. So he rose to be chief clerk in charge of the coal, coke, iron ore and limestone of the company; was then appointed traveling freight agent in 1909, with headquarters at Youngstown, Ohio, and continued as such until January 1, 1910. At that time the traffic departments of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the New York Central roads at Youngstown were merged, and Mr. Taggart's duties were extended to cover this consolidation, and he proved equal to the demands made upon him, and at the same time kept on reaching out for further information, and on January 1, 1915, was deemed capable of assuming the responsibilities connected with the position of general agent of his road to succeed Col. Myron Wood, who had been retired on a pension, and Mr. Taggart has since held it. Without any doubt Mr. Taggart owes his remarkable success to his own initiative and natural ability. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder, he has climbed up until he now occupies a position very close to its top.

Mr. Taggart is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery of Pittsburgh, and the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, Ohio. He also belongs to the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Shrine Club.

On September 27, 1894, Mr. Taggart was married to Miss Nancy Blanche Calhoun, of Pittsburgh, and they have three children, namely: Edward C., William G., and Martha R., the two last named being twins. Edward C. Taggart enlisted for service during the late war and was a non-commissioned officer, belonging to the Three Hundred and Twenty-ninth Field Hospital Company, Eighty-Third Division. For nine months he was at Camp Sherman, and was then sent overseas, where he spent six months in France and seven months in Germany.

Isadore and Jacob Klivans, twin brothers, have been actively engaged in commercial pursuits in Youngstown since 1906.

They were born in Riga, Lithuania, Russia, June 10, 1879. Their parents, Joseph and Pearl (Borenstein) Klivans, were farmers and operated a dairy in the old country. Of thirteen children, five sons and two daughters are still living.

Abraham, the oldest son, to escape compulsory military service came to America about 1888. His representations of conditions influenced other members of the family, and Isadore came over in 1895 and Jacob in 1897. These sons used their earnings to assist the rest of the family to America. The father died at Youngstown in February, 1919, and the widowed mother is still living.

Isadore Klivans for about two years after becoming an American worked as a clerk for his brother Abraham at Toledo. Jacob after coming over became a country peddler. Both brothers worked hard, saved their money, and in 1898 embarked in a modest clothing business and later added furniture. They were in business at Toledo until 1906, when they removed to Youngstown and opened a store at 329 East Federal Street. At that time their capital aggregated only $300. As soon as possible they added other lines of merchandise. A fire almost put them out of business in 1910, but undaunted they began the struggle over again, and since their sphere of action has been enlarged until they carry merchandise of all kinds and besides the two stores at Youngstown they operate three stores at Akron and one at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

The Klivans brothers have prospered. While of foreign birth no native born citizen is more loyal than they to their American allegiance.

Isadore Klivans married Miss Frances Ferrer, of Toledo, Ohio. Their three children are Helen, David Milton and Eleanor. Jacob Klivans married Dora Lipsitz, of Detroit. They have a family of four children: Harold, Gertrude, Ruth and Jean Audrey. Both brothers are members of the Emanuel Temple and Rodef Sholem Temple at Youngstown, and are also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the B'Nai B'Rith.

August Chandonne, vice president of the Ohio Leather Company of Girard, has had a career of unusual experience and achievement, and it can best be described briefly by taking the facts chronologically.

He was born at Lyons, France, May 4, 1856. His parents were August and Mary Chandonne. August, Sr., was a farmer and died at the age of thirty-three. The mother died in 1895, at the age of sixty-seven. The son August was five years of age when his father died. Young as he was there was work for his youthful shoulders. The produce raised on the little farm was every day loaded on a cart, and he pushed that vehicle into the market at Lyons. About a year later he was put to work in a big tanning establishment at Lyons. There he gained his preliminary knowledge of making leather, an art in which for a number of years he has been one of the recognized authorities in America. Besides industry and application he undoubtedly had special talents for the business, and at the age of eighteen had been advanced to a foremanship. By that time he was regarded as an expert in the treatment of hides and manufacture of the best qualities of leather.

Several years later Mr. Chandonne established a plant of his own at Lyons, but anticipating greater opportunities and possibilities elsewhere he sold out and came to America, landing at New York January 30, 1888. At that time he was unable to speak the English language. He had no special recommendations, and secured recognition in this country solely on the merit of his skill and proficiency. The day after he landed he happened to see a leather wagon on the street and followed it to the tannery. He was given employment and remained there about a year. Future advancement did not seem encouraging, and about that time he bought about two dozen hides, tanned them at his own home, and took them to the best shoemaker he could find. The product was so superior that the shoemaker at once recommended him to Oscar Scherer & Brother, leather manufacturers at Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Chandonne remained as plant manager for this concern four years, and supervised their manufacture of French calf for the highest class of shoes. From that time on his name has secured him ready recognition wherever the highest grades of leather are manufactured.

From New Jersey he went west to Chicago, served two years as superintendent for Walker & Oakley, whose products were patent leathers; from Chicago went to Milwaukee, and was superintendent of the plant of Pfister & Vogel, manufacturers of patent leather and Russian calf, and for four years was superintendent for Gallum & Sons in Milwaukee, who specialized in Russian calf. His next scene of employment was Little Falls, New York, where he located in 1899 and for eighteen months was with Barnet & Company.

After twelve years of continuous application and with a well earned reputation in leather circles, Mr. Chandonne then took a vacation and returned to his old home in France in 1900. On coming back to America he went to Mexico City, and was offered $10,000 in gold to superintend a proposed plant for the making of Russian leather. He studied the situation, observing that most Mexicans did not wear shoes, and that the industry would have to depend upon a foreign rather than a local demand. He consequently declined the offer, returned north and for a time was superintendent of a department for making patent leather in the Clark plant at Toronto, Canada.

While there the Ohio Leather Company of Girard induced him to take charge of the local business. That was in 1901, and it required a great deal of faith on the part of Mr. Chandonne to ally himself with this inconspicuous industry. The plant comprised two small frame shacks, worth not to exceed five hundred dollars. The daily capacity was only two hundred hides. In less than twenty years the Ohio Leather Company has become one of the important leather producing concerns of the country, and the investment in the plant today represents fully a million dollars. Mr. Chandonne remained as superintendent for eleven years, giving the product the high grade quality which has continued to be the basis of the reputation of the Ohio Leather Company ever since. For six years he was general manager, and for the past two years has been vice president of the company.

Mr. Chandonne is a well traveled man. Besides the early trip noted above he has been back to Europe in 1905, 1907 and 1910, and in March, 1919, and was again from March to May 1, 1920 in France and made a tour of the devastated battle district. His trips abroad have been made chiefly in a business way, securing raw material for the Ohio Leather Company.

Mr. Chandonne married in France Henrietta Bermono. Their oldest daughter, Henrietta B., died

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leaving one child, Henrietta, who is now the life of the home of Mr. August Chandonne. His other two daughters are Hilda, wife of James Newman, of Freeport, Illinois, and Jeanne, also at home. The family residence is at Churchill Road. Mr. Chandonne is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

JOHN BEIL wears his honors as a veteran business man of Youngstown easily, and after half a century of service is still at the plant of the Beil-Evans Printing Company every working day, and handles his duties as president and treasurer of the company with no noticeable diminution of energy or enthusiasm.

Mr. Beil is the oldest book binder of Youngstown, a trade which he learned in his early youth and which he made the basis of his later independent business.

He was born in Baden, Germany, April 24, 1849, son of John and Theresa Beil. His parents spent all their lives in Germany, where his mother died when a comparatively young woman. However, in the paternal line he comes of very long-lived ancestry. His grandfather reached the age of ninety-two and his father was eighty-nine at his death. John Beil, Sr., was a merchant and financier of considerable prominence in Germany and for forty-three years served as secretary and treasurer of the Building and Loan Association. Other members of the family besides John who came to America were: Eugene, an upholsterer on Williamson Avenue in Youngstown; Albertina, who died in Youngstown in 1890 as the wife of John Gerlach; Jacob, a cabinetmaker living on Joseph Street; Carl, who studied art in Baden and Munich, is a well-known sculptor, doing the sculptural work on the Mahoning County courthouse, and now a resident of Chicago.

John Beil acquired a liberal education in his native province and served his apprenticeship as a book binder there. Coming to the United States at the age of eighteen, he spent a brief time in Pittsburgh, then in Buffalo, and came to Youngstown in 1869. Since April 1, 1870, he has been a book binder at Youngstown. His first shop was over the German Union store, and then successively over the First National Bank on West Federal Street, in the Vindicator Building, on the site of the present courthouse, thence moved to 225 East Federal, and in 1911 to the present location. At that time the Beil-Evans Printing Company was organized, and the modern building with every mechanical facility for the business was erected in 1918. This is a complete modern printing industry, with book bindery and all facilities for a varied line of production.

Mr. Beil since 1888 has also been interested in some local steamship agencies, and since 1913 has been associated with Michael Willo.

October 1, 1872, he married Anna Schmidt, a native of Germany, who was brought to this country at the age of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Beil have an interesting family of eight children: Albertina, wife of Frank Vogelberger; John, secretary of the Beil-Evans Printing Company; Eugene, with the Consolidated Light and Power Company; Frank, also in his father's business; George, who lives on a farm at Transfer, Pennsylvania; Matthias, connected with the Beil-Evans Company; Bertha, at home; and Leonard who was with Evacuation Hospital No. 22 in France. The family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mr. Beil for thirty-eight years lived on Joseph Street in Youngstown, and his residence is now in Boardman.

BENJAMIN EVANS. Some of the numerous friends of Ben Evans at Youngstown have no difficulty in remembering when he was a printer's apprentice, earning $1.00 a week, and at the same time putting in long and diligent hours acquiring a technical knowledge of everything connected with the printing industry. Those friends have been warm admirers of the energy and study he has put into his business and have followed with great interest his rapid climb until he is now vice president and general manager of the Beil & Evans Company, Youngstown's foremost printing establishment, at 850 Market Street.

Mr. Evans was born on Front Street in Youngstown August 10, 1883, a son of Thomas and Anne (Jones) Evans. His parents were Welsh people and his father came of a long line of iron workers. The parents were born in a suburb of Cardiff, Wales. After their marriage they came to America in 1877, living for a time in Toronto, Canada, where the father worked in one of the large iron plants, was next in the South Chicago mills, and then came to Youngstown. Thomas Evans for nearly forty years has been one of the skilled workers in the Brown-Bonnell plant. He and his wife are devout members of the Elm Street Congregational Church. Their children consisted of four sons and four daughters, and two sons and two daughters are living today, namely: Mrs. James A. Faulkner of Cleveland; Mrs. Thomas Chambers, of Detroit; Joseph, manager of Tellings ice cream plant at Youngstown; and Benjamin.

Benjamin Evans left the Front Street school to go into the printing establishment of L. K. Prince on East Federal Street at a stipulated wage of $1.00 a week. He has given all his time and energies to the printing business, and has in a large degree been responsible for the success of the Beil & Evans Company, which has the most complete and up-to-date printing and binding plant in Youngstown.

Mr. Evans is a member of the Engineers' Club of Youngstown, the Chamber of Commerce, is a republican, a member of the Poland Public Club, and the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a prominent Mason, having been a member of Hillman Lodge for the past twelve years. He has also taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and is a member of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He is secretary of the Youngstown Shriners' Club, and was representative to the Imperial Shrine at Indianapolis in 1919.

In 1907 he married Nita Hagan, daughter of John and Della (Sultner) Hagan. They have one daughter, Clara Louise.

William H. Johnson, a prominent business man and citizen at Girard, has the distinction of having been one of the first "traveling men" in the Youngstown district. His traveling was done on foot, and there were several other features of his work that distinguished him from the modern type of traveling salesmen. The territory was not an extensive one. He represented the business of his father, who was a manufacturer of tin and sheet iron at Mineral Ridge, and the business was conducted under the firm name of William & W. H. Johnson. The chief business of the company was to fill the orders taken by William H. Johnson, who periodically would walk from Mineral Ridge to Girard, Brier Hill, Youngstown, Austintown, West Austintown, and other points in the Mahoning Valley and secure a schedule of the wants and desires of such patrons as the McKelveys, J. H. Fitch, James Predmore and other old time merchants.

Mr. Johnson was born January 22, 1847, in a house located where the Torrence monument now stands in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Youngstown. The land in that cemetery was then owned by his father, William Johnson, who was a pioneer manufacturer of tinware in Eastern Ohio. The original plant of the business was in Youngstown at the end of Spring Common bridge over the Mahoning River. William Johnson was born in the village of Boston, near Cleveland, Ohio, in 1809, and died in 1877. His wife was Matilda Whitslar, whose brother, Dr. Whitslar, was one of the earliest practitioners of dentistry in the Youngstown district. She was born in 1812 and died in 1858, the mother of five children, William H. being the fourth and the only survivor. William Johnson learned his trade as a tinner in his own shop from people in his employ. From Youngstown he moved his business to New Franklin in Stark County, then returned to Youngstown, and finally established his plant at Mineral Ridge, where he died.

William H. Johnson attended a school on what is now Mahoning Avenue, school being kept in a little one-room house. He shared his father's strong views with regard to slavery and the secession movement, and at the age of fifteen, with his father's consent, he left school to join the army. The family were then living in New Franklin. With eighty-six others he went to Canton to enlist. At that time he weighed ninety-five pounds and Captain Day, the enrolling officer, promptly sent him home. Two weeks later came a second effort, this time at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but again his youth was a bar. On August 15, 1862, Mr. Johnson made his third and successful effort, and was enrolled in Company D of the 115th Ohio Infantry. This company had an interesting personnel, his captain being a justice of the peace, his first lieutenant a local postmaster, his second lieutenant a constable, while the captain had three sons in the company and there were twenty-four pairs of brothers. William H. Johnson saw nearly three years of active service, chiefly in the campaigns of Kentucky, Tennessee and the middle South. He was in the battle of Stone River, in the second batle of Murfreesboro, and in many other engagements. He was mustered out at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and discharged at Cleveland, July 5, 1865.

After the war Mr. Johnson joined his father, and soon afterward began taking orders for the business in the manner above described. He continued the manufacture of tinware and sheet iron after his father's death, and in 1887 removed to Girard and bought the ground where his present store is located. He bought this property from Joseph Leavitt. It then contained a little wooden storeroom and an adjoining residence. These buildings were destroyed by fire in 1890 and they were replaced by the three story brick storeroom and residence still owned and occupied by Mr. Johnson.

As an old time resident of Girard Mr. Johnson has played a worthy and public spirited part in community affairs. He served a number of times as president of the school board, has been a member of the village council, and is a prominent member of the Christian Church, having served as elder thirty years. For twenty-four years he had taught one class in Sunday school, made up largely of young women, chiefly teachers from the public schools. Mr. Johnson is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Protective Home Circle, is a member of Tod Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Youngstown, and in politics is a republican.

In 1868 he married Alice Marshall, of Mentor, Ohio, who died in 1876, leaving no children. In 1878 Mr. Johnson married Lizzie Williams, of Mineral Ridge, daughter of Ambrose Williams. They have three children: Lucy L., wife of J. Carl Wakefield, a druggist at Clairton, Pennsylvania; William C., associated with his father in business; and Mary E., wife of R. T. Campbell, formerly superintendent for Moore & Lamb at Youngstown, and now superintendent of one of the large construction companies engaged in building the Supreme Motor Plant at Warren, and a resident of East Liberty.

William L. Carroll, M. D. A resident of Youngstown since 1902, Doctor Carroll has for eighteen years been one of the leading specialists in the eye, ear, nose and throat in Eastern Ohio, and is the specialist on those branches of medicine and surgery on the staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Doctor Carroll, who graduated in medicine more than a quarter of a century ago, was born on a farm near Steubenville in Jeffersonville County, Ohio, November 20, 1868. He was the youngest of the four sons and one daughter of William and Susan (South) Carroll. His mother was born in the same locality of Ohio, while his father was born in Dublin, Ireland, and came as a boy with his people to Toronto, Canada, and some years later came to the United States. He was a river man, and became one of the most skillful pilots on the Mississippi when that river was the great thoroughfare of traffic in the Middle West. During the Civil war he was in the service of the Government, running boats up and down the Mississippi. Later he bought a farm in Jefferson County, Ohio, and spent the rest of his life in the quiet vocation of agriculture. When he died in 1915 he was eighty-five years of age. His wife died in 1912, aged

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eighty-two. He was a democrat in politics, and always remained true to the church of his boyhood, the Catholic, while his wife was a Presbyterian.

William L. Carroll spent his boyhood days on an Eastern Ohio farm, attended district schools, graduated from the Steubenville High School, and completed his literary education in old Scio College. In his youth he never had the command of any wealth, and out of his own earnings paid most of the expenses connected with his medical education. For three years he was a school teacher. Doctor Carroll pursued his medical studies in the Baltimore Medical College, now the medical department of the University of Maryland, graduating in 1894. He began practice at Toronto, Ohio, near his old home, and performed all the general duties of a country physician. Three and a half years later he began the special study of eye, ear, nose and throat, and subsequently spent a year in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, and for one year was a surgeon in the Wills Eye Hospital, the oldest institution of its kind in the United States. Then when he removed to Youngstown in 1902 he limited his practice altogether to the special lines of his experience and research. Doctor Carroll is a member in high standing of the Mahoning County, State and American Medical associations. He is president of the Youngstown Pension Board.

In 1896 he married Lorena Cooper, daughter of Ephraim Cooper. Doctor Carroll had the misfortune to lose his wife October 14, 1919. Four sons survive: Paul, Arthur, Kenneth and Donald. Doctor Carroll is affiliated with the Brown Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church and is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. His home is in Boardman.

Wallace W. Ryall, M. D. A resident of Youngstown fifteen years, Doctor Ryall came to this city after several years of arduous country practice, and has also gained a high and merited place among the medical profession of the city. He has given the public much of his professional time, and during the war he spent a few months as captain in the Medical Corps.

Doctor Ryall was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1874, son of Oliver B. and Margaret (Lafferty) Ryall. His parents are still living in Pennsylvania. His father was born in 1834 and is now eighty-six years of age, and his mother was born in 1844. Oliver B. Ryall spent many years as an oil operator in the Pennsylvania fields. During the Civil war he was a corporal in the Squirrel Hunters' Brigade and had a commission signed by Governor Tod of Ohio. Oliver Ryall is a republican, and he and his wife are active members of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

Wallace W. Ryall is a graduate of the Pittsbugh High School, and in 1897 received his degree in medicine from the University of Pittsburgh. For nearly eight years he was located in Ashland County, Ohio, and gained a large professional following there, not only as a result of his skill but also his readiness to attend calls through all kinds of weather and night or day.

In January, 1905, Doctor Ryall came to Youngstown, and besides the heavy work of a private practice he is now serving his second term on the Youngstown Health Board and is chairman of its finance committee and member of the committee on nuisances. He is a member of the Mahoning Medical Society and the State and American Medical associations.

Doctor Ryall was commissioned captain in the Medical Corps in September, 1918, and was sent for training to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, and given a regular assignment of duties at General Hospital No. 3 at Columbia, New Jersey.

Doctor Ryall is a republican, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Moose and Foresters of America, and he and his family are Presbyterians. Doctor Ryall was the second in a family of two sons and one daughter. In 1902 he married Emma Vernon Stewart, and they have two sons and one daughter, named Margaret V., Wallace W., Jr., and J. Stewart.

Melvin E. McCaskey. It is always pleasant and profitable to contemplate the career of a man who has made a success of life and won the honor and respect of his fellow citizens. Such is the record of Melvin E. McCaskey, president of the Tri-State Motor Company of Youngstown, than whom a more whole-souled or popular man it would be hard to find in his community. The record of Mr. McCaskey is that of a man who by his own unaided efforts has worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of influence in the business world. His life has been of unceasing industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable methods which he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

Melvin E. McCaskey was born on his father's farm near Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania, on November 3, 1861, and is the son of Joseph and Darcus Ellen McCaskey. Joseph McCaskey was the son of a native of Scotland on the paternal side, the mother being of Scotch-Irish blood. He was born in Oakland Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and his death occurred in 1877, at the age of forty-two years. He was a carriage-maker by trade and was successful as a business man. During the Civil war he volunteered his services in defense of the Union and served faithfully until receiving his honorable discharge at the close of the conflict in 1865. He was a republican in politics and a Presbyterian in his religious belief. He was survived by his widow, who afterward became the wife of Samuel Stepp. She died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in 1905, at the age of seventy-seven years. To Joseph and Darcus McCaskey were born ten children, and the subject of this sketch is the youngest of the sons. He secured his education in the schools of Saxonburg, Butler County, Pennsylvania, completing his school course in the schools of Washington County. He made a special study of pharmacy under Doctor Cyrus at Middletown, in the oil district, but he did not take kindly to drugs and was wise enough not to force himself to stick to that science. He turned

his attention to the oil business, as pertaining to the operating department, at which he worked until 1882, when he entered the employ of the Pittsburgh Street Car Company, driving one of the old horse cars of that period. Later he was placed in charge of the horses of the company, holding that position until the tracks were rebuilt for cable power, when he was engaged on the construction as road master. From Pittsburgh he went to Rochester, New York, in the same line of work, the car lines there being electrified. Then, after being similarly employed for awhile in Buffalo, New York, he returned to Pittsburgh as assistant superintendent of the South Side lines, and assisted in the electrifying of the roads there. He was then for a time general manager of the street car lines in McKeesport, followed in succession by the superintendency of the lines at Greensburg, Uniontown and New Castle, all in Pennsylvania. In 1902 Mr. McCaskey came to Youngstown as superintendent of the street car lines, holding that position until 1911, when he resigned. It was said of Mr. McCaskey in reference to his long identification with the city transportation problem that he was probably one of the best informed men in the country on matters pertaining to the surface car operations in a city. He attained eminent success in each position held by him and enjoyed a widespread reputation because of his success in handling the difficult and peculiar problems which confronted him. He understands how to handle men and gain their loyalty, and his systematic methods enabled him to do his work with a minimum of effort.

In 1911, when he quit the street car company, Mr. McCaskey became secretary and treasurer of the Elton Motor Company, retaining that position until 1917, when he was mainly instrumental in the organization of the Tri-State Motor Company, of which he was eleced president, retaining the position to the present time.

In 1882 Mr. McCaskey was married to Addie Belle Coulter, of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, and they became parents of two children, Roy, who died at the age of thirteen months, and Anna, who is the wife of J. C. MacClaren, who also is engaged in the automobile business in Youngstown.

Politically Mr. McCaskey is a republican, while his religious affiliation is with the Evergreen Presbyterian Church, which he has served as president of the board of trustees. Socially he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Automobile Club, and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McCaskey's residence in this city has but strengthened his hold on the hearts of the people with whom he has been associated, and today few here enjoy a larger circle of warm friends and acquaintances, who esteem him because of his sterling qualities of character and his business ability.

Isa Van Baalen. A public-spirited and highly respected resident of Youngstown, noteworthy for his good citizenship and upright character, Isa Van Baalen, president of the Standard Auto Sales Company, distributors of the Dodge Brothers cars, is at the head of a substantial and extensive business, whose growth and expansion are largely due to his enterprise and energy. A son of E. H. Van Baalen, he was born February 27, 1870, in Detroit, Michigan, of pure Dutch ancestry.

Born in Amsterdam, Holland, seventy-three years ago, E. H. Van Baalen was but a boy when he came with his parents to this country, being sixty-eight days crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, a long and tedious voyage. He lived for a time in Cleveland, Ohio, and then accompanied the family to Detroit, Michigan, where he was subsequently engaged for many years in the jewelry business, although he is now residing in Chicago. Realizing the superior advantages America offers a man without means, his family having been very poor on coming to the United States, he has ever been a strong, loyal supporter of American institutions, and while living in Michigan his sons were members of the Detroit Light Infantry. He married Abbie Van Baalen, who was a distant relative, and they became the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters. His wife died at the age of sixty-eight years, and he has since made his home in Chicago.

Isa Van Baalen was educated in Detroit, after his graduation from the high school of that city having completed a course of study at the Detroit Business University. After leaving school he was employed in a wholesale dry goods house for a year, and then traveled through Michigan for a time, selling dry goods for Brown & Company. Subsequently entering the employ of the Harberger & Homan Company, he traveled extensively, for more than seventeen years selling the famous George W. Childs cigar, and later being for a while similarly employed for the manufacturers of the Bull Dog cigar.

During his travels Mr. Van Baalen frequently passed through Youngstown, and being impressed with the many advantages of the city located here, opening the finest cigar store in the Mahoning Valley, the "Sign of the Bull Dog," in the building just next door to the Central Bank, on Federal Street. In 1908 he accepted a position as salesman for the Standard Auto Sales Company, of which he is now proprietor and president, and as a dealer in Dodge Brothers cars has met with almost unprecedented success. Although the company's salesrooms are the finest in the city, they will shortly erect another, which will be the best in its equipments of any in the United States.

Mr. Van Baalen married, July 7, 1904, Mrs. Edith Hallewell, a daughter of George M. Summers, the representative of an old and honored family of Youngstown, and they have one child, Betty Maye Van Baalen. By her first marriage Mrs. Van Baalen had one child, Jack, who is now a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Van Baalen took an active part in all the war drives, serving on important committees, and is now a member of the Civil Service Committee of Youngstown. In securing employes for the various departments of the city, he is just and impartial, regarding efficiency above everything else, politics and religion bearing no weight in his selection of workmen. Broad-minded and liberal in his religious views, both Mr.

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Van Baalen and his wife are active and valued members of the Unitarian Church. Fraternally he belongs to Hillman Lodge, Free and Accepted Order of Masons, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce; the Rotary Club; the Country Club and the Youngstown Club.

WALTER G. SMITH. A few brief paragraphs seem hardly sufficient tribute to the veteran services rendered by Walter G. Smith as a Youngstown merchant. He has beeen in the jewelry business in this city for fifty-one years. All this time he has been an expert watchmaker, and even now, when most men of his age are glad to relax and retire, he has a daily enthusiasm for his work and can do better work and put a watch together quicker than at any time in his career.

When Mr. Smith came to Youngstown in 1868 the city had a population of 6,000 people. It was nothing more than a straggling village with mud streets. While prosecuting his own affairs he has given his modest co-operation and public-spirit to every movement for the growth and development of the city, and has really been associated with the builders of the great prosperity Youngstown now enjoys.

Mr. Smith was born in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, March 5, 1845, son of Henry and Elizabeth Smith, the former a native of Wooster and the latter of Maryland. His father, a cabinetmaker in early life and later a furniture merchant, died at the age of eighty-one, while his wife was ninety at the time of her death. They were members of the Disciples Church, and he was a republican in politics. The father of Henry Smith was a native of Germany. Of the ten children of Henry and Elizabeth Smith three are still living, Walter G. being the oldest.

The latter acquired his education in Wooster and in October, 1861, at the age of sixteen, having shown an aptitude for delicate tools, he was started to learn the jeweler's trade, taking the place of an older man who had enlisted in the army. Then some seven years later he came to Youngstown. His first place of business was on Federal Street, in what was then the Hamilton store, while from 1875 to 1878 he had a jewelry store in the Diamond Block near the Grand Opera House. For the past eighteen years he has been located on North Phelps Street. Mr. Smith is an enthusiast in his work, but loves fishing still better. He is a Mason, being a member of St. John's Commandery, is an Elk, and is nominally a republican, but voted for Wilson. He and his family are members of St. John's Episcopal Church.

October 3, 1871, he married Ollie Van Hyning, daughter of Julius Van Hyning and a niece of Judge Van Hyning, who for many years was a member of the bench when the Mahoning County Court House was at Canfield. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Edward is his father's partner in the jewelry business. Ada M. is the wife of R. C. Brown, who is the W. B. Pollack Company representative in New York City, their home being at Plainfield, New Jersey.

S. D. MYERS as president of the Myers Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company has given to Youngstown a high class and efficient institution and is one of the city's succesful business men who spent many years in raidroading and other mechanical occupations.

Mr. Myers was born at Duncansville in Blair County, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1858, a son of Charles Myers, who for many years was with the train service on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. S. D. Myers lived from early childhood at Greensburg in Westmoreland County, and received his education in the public schools there. At the age of nineteen, following in his father's footsteps, he became a railroad man, and for fourteen years was in the operating department, most of the time as a conductor on a freight train on the Pennsylvania Central. He lived at Derry, afterward at Greensburg, and on leaving the railroad was employed by the Keystone Coal and Coke Company for sixteen years as stationary engineer.

While in Derry he operated a laundry for a few months. The business proved congenial and he saw in it a future and a means of establishing himself independently. At Youngstown he bought the laundry which he now operates. The plant was then a scrap heap and the patronage on the decline. The laundry was originally established by John Fithian and subsequently was the Goetz Laundry, when it was bought by Mr. Myers. The latter put into the business knowledge, efficiency and energy, and he now owns one of the best concerns of its kind in the Mahoning Valley. The business was recently reorganized, taking over the Crystal Laundry Company. The capital of the company is now a hundred thousand dollars, and the plants are thoroughly equipped and modern. These plants are on Market and Pyatt streets. Mr. Myers is not only president of the company but general manager and the active personality in the conduct of the business.

Mr. Myers is a member of the First Baptist Church. While belonging to no political party he always votes, feeling that to be the duty of a good citizen. July 17, 1879, he married Miss Hattie Wingert, of Derry, Pennsylvania. She died many years ago. In 1905 he married Mrs. Nellie Miller, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN K. WOLFF & SONS. One of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Youngstown is the venerable merchant, John K. Wolff, who has done his full share in the development of his section of the city. This locality he has honored by his citizenship for many years, having given his support to the church, the schools and to all measures for the public good, and his name has ever been synonymous with honorable dealings in all the relations of life. As he has passed so many years in this locality he has a wide acquaintance among its best citizens, many of whom are included within the circle of his warm personal friends.

John K. Wolff was born in Pennsylvania, just over the state line from Petersburg, Ohio, on December 29, 1841, and is the son of Andrew Wolff, a native of Wurtemburg, who, at the age of six years was

brought to the United States by his parents, the family settling in Mahoning County, Ohio. John K. Wolff was married to Maria Yarian, who was born on October 20, 1846, the daughter of Benjamin Yarion, of Columbiana County, this state, but whose family originally were located in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. During the Civil war John K. Wolff offered his services to the government, but he was rejected. He was reared to the life of a farmer, which he followed for a number of years, until on account of failing health he was compelled to get away from the strenuous work of a farm, and he then established a store at Steamtown, now known as Woodworth, of which he was appointed postmaster. Many years ago he opened a little store where he now lives on Oakhill Avenue, his sole capital being seventy-nine dollars in cash and his credit, which was good. He put both to work and soon found himself in possession of a business which demanded an enlargement of his little store. Enlargement followed enlargement until the building reached a tree, which afforded the boys a convenient way to slip out when sent early to bed. Later Mr. Wolff built on Market Street, where also he opened a store. He has always had a strong faith in Youngstown, because of its stability and its promise of continued future growth. A number of years ago he joined his son Orin C. in the wholesale produce business, under the firm name of John K. Wolff & Sons, and this has become one of the most reliable and prosperous firms in its line in Youngstown. Besides a general line of produce of all kinds they also handle crackers and cakes on a large scale. Mr. Wolff is well preserved for his years, his chief recreation being fishing, of which sport he is an ardent devotee, having fished in many of the best northern lakes, the Gulf of Mexico, Florida and Cuban waters and the Catalina Islands. He is a man of fine personal qualities, genial and companionable, and enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and good will of all who know him.

Orin Clark Wolff was born on January 26, 1876, and received his education in the Youngstown public schools, attending the South Side schools, and later the Front Street School, where he was graduated. He then took a complete business course, and in 1895 he formed a partnership with J. H. Harshman, under the firm name of Harshman & Wolff, wholesale dealers in produce, in the Bissell Block on North Chestnut Street. In 1907 the business was moved to No. 206 West Front Street, where it was reorganized under the new firm name of John K. Wolff & Sons, the latter being Orin C. and Ralph Andrew. On September 17, 1901, Orin C. Wolff was married to Eva Hawn, the daughter of Sergt. Jacob Hawn, now and for a long time connected with the Youngstown police force.

Ralph Andrew Wolff was born December 29, 1881, and received his education in the public schools of this city, completing his studies at the Rayen High School, where he was graduated. He is now devoting himself to the produce business with his father and brother, being a man of excellent business qualifications. He was married on June 20, 1912, to Lilly Lakey, the daughter of George Lakey. He is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and, with his brother Orin, is a member of the Knights of Pythias. The brothers, who have taken the burden of business details from their father's shoulders, have gained enviable reputations as energetic and far-sighted business men, affable and tactful in their relations with others, and eminently deserving of the splendid success which has rewarded their efforts.

William H. Sittig. Possessing undoubted executive and business talent and tact, William H. Sittig, of Youngstown, who is actively identified with the mercantile affairs of this section of Mahoning County as general manager of the Buckeye Supply Company, has been an important factor in advancing the growth and expansion of the company's interests, and influential in furthering the success of the enterprise. A son of the late William H. Sittig, Sr., he was born in 1883 in Trumbull County, Ohio, on the parental homestead.

Born in Germany, William H. Sittig, Sr., was a lad of nine years when he came with his parents to Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where he was brought up and educated. In early manhood he came to Ohio in search of a favorable location, and at one time was offered, for the small sum of $600, four acres of land, with a five-room house on it, that being the land on which the Tod House in Youngstown is now located, and which has since multiplied many, many times in value. Instead of accepting that offer, he bought a farm at Stop 29, on Jacobs Road, and was there successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for forty-six years. He was a man of sterling integrity, a trustworthy citizen, and had the respect and esteem of the community in which he so long resided. In October, 1918, at the age of seventy-six years, he passed to the life beyond.

The maiden name of the wife of William H. Sittig, Sr., was Caroline Bergman. She died in 1906, her death occurring on the sixtieth anniversary of her birth. Both were devout members of Saint John's Lutheran Church at Hubbard. Eleven children blessed their union, of whom ten, five sons and five daughters, are now living, their homes being in or near Youngstown. Twice each year these loyal children have a family reunion, meeting on the days marking the anniversary of their father's and their mother's birth.

Having acquired a practical education in the public schools of Hubbard, William H. Sittig, at the age of fifteen years, began working in the Carnegie Steel Plant, with which he remained seven years, being afterward employed for an equal length of time in the Republic Plant. Accepting a position then with the German-Buehrle Company, at the place where he is now located, Mr. Sittig began work as a driver for the firm, which dealt in coal and builder's supplies. At the end of nine years, having proved himself capable and faithful in minor positions, he was made assistant manager, and organized the new Coal & Supply Company, which subsequently became the Buckeye Supply Company, of which he is now the general manager. Under the wise supervision of Mr. Sittig the firm has built up

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an enormous trade in coal and builders' supplies and in order to facilitate matters has established two branches, one at the crossing of the Indianola & Youngstown Southern Railroad, and one on the New York Central Railroad, at the corner of Logan Avenue and Thornton Street.

Mr. Sittig married, May 12, 1904, Minnie, daughter of Emil and Louisa Gransee, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and into their home three children have been born, Leroy, Wilbur and Eleanor. For twenty-two years Mr. Sittig was a member of Martin Luther's Church and for the past three years he has been an active member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and has served as leader of its choir for that period of time. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic Order, being a member of Hillman Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Youngstown, Ohio, Burchner Council, Royal Arch Masons, and Youngstown Commandery, Knights Templar, and he is likewise a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Builders' Exchange, and of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Sittig has also been affiliated with most all the leading musical organizations of this valley, such as the Monday Musical Club, the American Glee Club, the Shackamaxon Quartet and played one of the leading roles in the following light operas: Dorothy, The Highwayman, The Mocking Bird and the Mikado. These operas were played by the Youngstown Opera Club under the direction of R. M. Brown.

John T. Rochford. A native of Youngstown and a resident of the city over fifty years, John T. Rochford since early boyhood has had one leading and dominant business interest, construction and building work. Mr. Rochford is president of the Youngstown Construction Company and is widely known as a safe and substantial business man.

He was born in Youngstown September 5, 1867, son of Michael and Anna (Taffe) Rochford. His father, a native of Ireland, went as a boy to England and when still a young man came to the United States. He was a coal miner, but later engaged in contracting. He performed all kinds of construction work, including the digging of wells and cellars. His death occurred in 1906, at the age of eighty-two. His widow survived until 1916, at the age of seventy-seven. They were members of St. Columba's Catholic Church. Their family consisted of the following children, all in Youngstown: Elizabeth, wife of Patrick O'Hara; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-two, the wife of Thomas O'Hara; John T.; Peter, a foreman for the Republic Iron and Steel Company; Alice, wife of John Gartland, a contractor; Katherine, wife of Michael McFarland, a mill worker; Margaret, wife of Austin DeLosier, a Youngstown plumber; Theresa, wife of John Farragher, a mill man.

With his brothers and sisters John T. Rochford attended St. Columba's parochial schools and also had the advantages of Cook's Business College. As a boy and man he worked with his father until 1900, and since then has engaged in business independently. One of his first independent contracts was the grading and building of Poland Avenue. He did that piece of construction long before the street railway was laid along the important thoroughfare. He and his organization have built many miles of streets and laid miles of paving and sewers. For a number of years Mr. Rochford operated in partnership with John Comisky under the firm name of Rochford & Comisky. In 1910 he organized the Youngstown Construction Company. This company has a large staff of skilled and unskilled workers and a complete equipment of steam shovels and other apparatus for the rapid and efficient handling of its special lines of work. The company did all the contract work on the streets and paving north of Wick Park, also on Market Street on the south side, and laid out the Stewart allotments.

In 1902 Mr. Rochford married Mary Buchner, a native of Youngstown and daughter of John Buchner. To their marriage were born nine children: Florence, Helen, John, George, Mary Louise, Clara, Gracie, Laura and Harry R. Mary Louise died at the age of four years. The family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

David A. Frampton, whose business headquarters are in the Federal Building, is president and manager of the Ohio Lumber Company. The mills of this concern are located in Ashtabula County, and the business is the manufacture of hardwood timber products, particularly for the use of steel plants. The present organization is the result of years of experience, and the service has been availed of by the iron and steel industries of Northeastern Ohio for a number of years.

For over three-quarters of a century and through at least three generations the name Frampton has been intimately connected with the lumber and timber interests in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The grandfather of the Youngstown business man was Maj. Jonathan Frampton of Clarion, Pennsylvania. He was a timber operator in a number of Pennsylvania counties, and at one time supplied timber to the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad. He also conducted a hotel at Clarksville, Pennsylvania. He began business in 1844, and his grandson has some of his old business records. Some items in those records indicate that seventy-five years ago good whiskey could be bought for twenty-five cents per gallon and three cents per drink. In the time of the old militia musters Major Frampton was a leader in the local military and also had an active part in politics.

John H. Frampton, father of David A., also spent the greater part of his active life in the timber business. He was born at Transfer, Pennsylvania, and in 1862, at the period of the Civil war, he took a contract to supply ties for the Mahoning Division of the Erie Railroad between Meadville and Kent and to Cleveland. At that time ties were split and hewed. To carry out that contract John H. Frampton went to Canada for timber workers, as most of the able bodied men in Ohio were in the army. While filling the contract he maintained headquarters at Warren and Hubbard. John H. Frampton is still living at the age of seventy-four and makes his home at West Middlesex. He married Mary Bean.

David A. Frampton, a son of these parents, was

born at Middlesex, Pennsylvania, in 1872 and received his education in the schools of Middlesex and Sharon and also attended Mount Pleasant Academy, a fine school instituted and maintained by the late H. C. Frick, and in which many of the proteges of Mr. Frick received their education. After leaving school Mr. Frampton developed his experience in the family business of timber working, and spent several years in his father's mills around Wellsville, Lisbon, East Liverpool and Hubbard. In 1900 he established his headquarters at Hubbard, and remained there until coming to Youngstown. While at Hubbard he manufactured 5,000,000 feet of white oak products. Most of his activity in politics was a feature of his residence in Hubbard.

Mr. Frampton is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Travelers Association and the Knights of Pythias, and with his family is a member of the Baptist Church. In 1895 he married Miss Belle Hassan, daughter of James Hassan. Her father was born on the Chestnut Hill farm originally belonging to James Hassan and was the property of the Wick family in Mahoning County. Mr. and Mrs. Frampton have four children: Katherine, wife of John Law; Dorothy, wife of Alfred Hinchcliff, of Girard; Blanche and James.

George A. Webster. Occupying a noteworthy position among the prosperous business men of Youngstown, George A. Webster, head of the G. A. Webster Electric Company, has been in truth the architect of his own fortunes, his life furnishing a forcible example to the rising generation of the material success to be obtained by persevering industry and wise economy. A native of Youngstown, he was born October 30, 1872, a son of the late Kirk Webster.

Kirk Webster was born at Girard in the Mahoning Valley in 1847, and as a youth of eighteen years entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, and subsequently filled various positions until being made conductor. When thirty-five years of age he was stricken with paralysis, and, being unable to perform the duties of conductor of a train, was made gate keeper at the Phelps Street Crossing, a position that he filled until his death, October 12, 1907. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Ellery, was born in England, and came with her parents to Youngstown when a child of five summers, where her father secured a position in the iron works. She has been a faithful member of the Baptist Church since a girl. She now makes her home with a son at 540 George Street. To her and her husband six children were born, as follows: Harriet, widow of W. E. Fownes; George A., the special subject of this sketch; Grace, wife of Richard Francis, who is engaged in the insurance business in Youngstown, and who is a brother of Jesse Francis, county clerk of Mahoning County; Fred, superintendent of steam fitting for the Republic Iron & Steel Company; Blanche, who is the wife of William Warren, and Ed, an electrician, living in Cleveland.

A lad of nine years when his father was stricken with paralysis, George A. Webster had to leave his studies at the Covington Street School, it being necessary that he should, thus young, have to help support the family. Entering the employ of the Union News Company, he sold papers and periodicals at the Erie Railroad Station and on Erie trains for a period of five years. The ensuing five years he was with the Youngstown Carriage Company, and for nineteen years thereafter was employed in the City Light Plant. Becoming a proficient electrician, Mr. Webster embarked in business on his own account in 1910 and now, in partnership with George Dieter, is carrying on a successful business as head of the G. A. Webster Electric Company, which has installed electric systems in many residences and business houses, among others of prominence having been the G. M. McKelevey Store, the Grascelli Plant at Niles, the J. A. Campbell residence, and other large buildings.

Mr. Webster married, in 1897, Gertrude Knight, daughter of George E. Knight, a draftsman in the Republic Iron & Steel Works, and they have one daughter, Jane, born in 1914. Mr. Webster is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Rotary Club; and of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

Fred W. Banks. A man of versatile talents, laboring with never varying energy and enterprise, Fred W. Banks, of Youngstown, has been actively identified with many lines of industry, and is a leading and successful dealer in coal and sand. His most pronounced success, however, was as a member of the Civil Service Commission, with which he was intimately associated for six years, retiring in 1919. During his term of membership, rules and regulations were established and improvements of value were made, the practical workings of the Civil Service Commission having made Youngstown in many respects a model city, and one of which its residents may well be proud. He was born January 27, 1865, in Toronto, Canada, of English descent.

George Banks, his father, was born on Threadneedle Street, London, England, which was also the birthplace of his wife, whose maiden name was Maria Ventress. Soon after his marriage he emigrated to Canada, locating in Toronto, where for many years he was profitably employed in the feed and grain business. Coming from there to Youngstown many years ago, he was first engaged in the oil and gasoline business, later becoming a dealer in coal. Both he and his wife spent their last years in Youngstown, his death occurring in 1916, at the age of seventy-four years, and hers in 1915, at the age of seventy-six years. Both were worthy members of the Episcopal Church. Their children, six in number, were as follows: James V., now serving as mayor of the City of Niagara Falls, New York; George, employed in a rubber plant at Akron, Ohio; Fannie, widow of J. L. Henderson, resides on Emma Street, Youngstown; Sarah Jane, widow of R. G. Patterson, of Akron, Ohio; Fred W., the special subject of this sketch; and William formerly of Northwestern Canada, is now a resident of Toronto.

Brought up and educated in Toronto, Fred W. Banks began when but a boy to accumulate money

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that he earned by picking strawberries and cherries. After coming to Youngstown, and even after his marriage, he advanced his education by taking a course in accounting and banking at Hall's Business College. While in Toronto he was for a time salesman in a dry goods establishment, and later served in the same capacity for seven years for Mr. Kaufman, whose general store was located on West Federal Street in Youngstown. Mr. Banks subsequently was with the Weinberg firm for three years, and later spent two years in the Youngstown Rolling Mills, making cotton ties on the seven-inch rolls.

Changing his occupation, Mr. Banks was employed in the Milliken-Boyd Car Works two years, and the following five years was associated with the Youngstown Pump Works at Holmes and Wood streets, after which he was engaged in the pump business on his own account for two years, having an establishment at the corner of Holmes and Chestnut streets. Later, when the Youngstown garbage business was sold by a receiver, he purchased it, and operated the same until the city took it over. Since then he has carried on a thriving business as a dealer in sand, gravel and coal.

On April 21, 1885, Mr. Banks was united in marriage with Margaret, daughter of John Brady, of Jamestown, Pennsylvania. Two children, twins, have blessed their union, Arthur W., associated in business with his father; and Lillian, wife of Albert H. Bailey, a dealer in electrical supplies on Wick Avenue. Politically Mr. Banks is a republican and a strong prohibitionist. Fraternally he is a member of Youngstown Lodge No. 403, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Banks are active members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Harry Parrock, who has been a resident of Youngstown since 1890, was for many years a technical expert in the local mills, and in that capacity had much to do with the transformation of Youngstown from an iron to a steel center.

Mr. Parrock was born at Stourbridge, England, February 20, 1858, a son of Joseph and Ann (Tranter) Parrock. His father spent his active life as a master mechanic in rolling mills. He died many years ago and the mother passed away in 1918, at the age of ninety-two.

Harry Parrock had his schooling in England, and was only a boy when he began working on the rolls in an iron plant. During his nineteenth year he was transferred to the shipping department. He came to the United States in 1881, and for nine years was at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, in the mills of the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company, both in the shipping and operating department. From there he came to Youngstown, and for a year or so was assistant superintendent in what is now known as the Upper Mill of the Carnegie Company, his employers being William H. Baldwin and George D. Wick. Mr. Parrock in 1892 became superintendent of this plant and filled that office until 1902. In that year he became superintendent of the Brown-Bonnell plant, now part of the great Republic Company's industry. Under his direct superintendence the building and remodeling program was carried out necessary to convert that plant to a steel works.

Mr. Parrock has also had a prominent part to play in public affairs in Youngstown. In 1912 he was appointed safety director by Mayor Hartenstein, serving as such four years, and in 1916 was appointed service director by Mayor Thornton, holding that office two years. Previously, in 1902, he was elected a member of the City Council at large, being one of the first to hold that office. Other members at large were Chase Truesdale and Warren Williams. While in the council, where he served from 1902 to 1906, inclusive, he was chairman of the fire and police committee and a member of the finance committee.

Since coming to this country Mr. Parrock made five trips to Europe, and only recently he returned from a visit over the devastated district in Flanders. He is a member of the Society of St. George and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, being affiliated with Lake Erie Consistory and Hiram Lodge of Perfection. He is also an Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias, and is a member and trustee of the First Unitarian Church at Youngstown.

In 1878 he married Tamar Parkes. Her father, Henry Parkes, is still living in England, at the age of eighty-two. To their marriage were born three sons. William H. is a roller in the Steel & Tube Plant at South Chicago. Henry P. is in the order department of the Republic Plant at Youngstown. Edwin J., a graduate of Purdue University, is associated with the Efficiency Engineering Company of Detroit.

James A. Henderson has been engaged in the automobile business at Youngstown for ten years. He has given his service entirely, with the exception of one year, to the Overland car. He has developed a tremendous business for that company over the greater part of the Mahoning Valley, both in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Henderson, who is general manager and treasurer of the Henderson-Overland Company, was born at Youngstown, December 4, 1883, son of William and Justina (McKenzie) Henderson. His parents were born and married in Scotland, came to America in 1867, and after a brief residence at St. Louis, came to Youngstown, where William Henderson was employed as a puddler and later foreman for the old Brown-Bonnell iron plant, and subsequently with the Republic Iron and Steel Company. He died March 6, 1914.

James A. Henderson was one of seven children, and grew up at Youngstown, graduating from the Rayen High School in 1901. By private study he mastered shorthand, and made his way into business affairs through the possession of stenography. He was stenographer in the Ohio plant of the Carnegie Steel Company about two years, following which he went to Chicago and was secretary to the vice president of the Continental National Bank and subsequently secretary to the general superintendent of the Pullman Car Company.

On returning to Youngstown Mr. Henderson on January 1, 1910, took the local agency for the Brush runabout. Then, in 1911, he became the Youngstown representative for the Overland automobile

and soon showed his qualities as a salesman and promoter of the interests of the Overland Company. In 1916 the company made him general distributor for six counties in Eastern Ohio and Northwestern Pennsylvania, and at that time he organized and incorporated the Henderson-Overland Company. A prominent man in his business, he is a past trustee of the Ohio Automobile Association, is a past president of the Youngstown Automobile Dealers' Association, and past president of the Youngstown Automobile Club. He is also a director and assistant treasurer of the South Side Savings Bank.

Mr. Henderson is a republican, a member of the Youngstown Club, Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, belongs to all branches of the Masonic fraternity and Mystic Shrine, and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Elks and Knights of Pythias. He is a trustee of the Community Corporation and the Mahoning County War Chest Fund, and gave much of his time from business in behalf of war auxiliary movements. He and his wife are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. September 12, 1905, he married Miss Jessie Eddy. They have one son, James Paul.

Frederick C. Kirchner. The great industries of Youngstown have naturally attracted to this city many men of expert technical ability. Among them is Frederick C. Kirchner, now factory manager of the Mazda Lamp Division, National Lamp Works, General Electric Company. Mr. Kirchner is familiar by long experience with many branches of industry and the technical fine arts.

He was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, in 1872, son of George and Christina Kirchner. His parents on coming to the United States lived for a year in Belleville, Texas, and then removed to Brooklyn, New York, where the father engaged in the manufacture of ornamental iron work. Both parents are now deceased.

Frederick C., one of nine children, had no knowledge of the English language until he went to Brooklyn. By training and practice he now seldom betrays the traits of foreign accent in his speech. He has put in many hours in a thorough course of education in addition to time spent in making his living as a youth. He attended public schools in Brooklyn, and for many years has been a devoted student along electrical engineering lines. He took several courses with the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton. As a boy he worked for a Brooklyn glass company, learned glass blowing, and at the age of nineteen had charge of a department. For a time he was also employed at making five gallon tin cans for the Standard Oil Company. An experience with direct bearing upon his present usefulness was the eight years he was with the firm of Sawyer & Mann, manufacturers of incandescent lights. While with them he diligently carried on his studies in night school. For two years he was with the Sunbeam Lamp Works at Chicago and another two years with the Steuben Electric Comapny of New York. After other employment with the New York State Electric Company he came to Youngstown, and went with the Orient Electric Company, and since then has been an active associate of Mr. Norman L. Norris, now the active head of the Youngstown business of the National Lamp Works. When the Williams Street branch of this establishment was built Mr. Kirchner was appointed its superintendent, and later has been factory manager. In a modest way he has helped develop the Mazda lamp and has other valuable discoveries and inventions to his credit. Mr. Kirchner is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, of the Rotary Club, and with his family worships in the Woodland Avenue Evangelical Lutheran Church.

October 4, 1896, he married Emma R. Mauser, daughter of Chris Mauser. They have seven children: Lucinda, now in the Ohio State University; Hiram, with the Cleveland Trust Company; Alice, Karl, Norman, Mary and Josephine, the last two being twins.

Hon. Harry P. McCoy, who gave the greater part of his younger years to educational work, is a Youngstown attorney and for about a year has been in civil life after an active service as an American officer in France. He is a member of the State Senate, and in a business way is secretary of the Federal Savings and Loan Company, one of the large financial organizations of Youngstown. Mr. McCoy was born on a farm in Scioto County, Ohio, May 20, 1879, son of James N. and Ruth V. (Cartwright) McCoy. His paternal ancestors were Scotch-Irish and most of the generations have been affiliated with the Methodist and later with United Brethren Church. James N. McCoy was born in Adams County, Ohio, April 8, 1846, and died October 2, 1909. He spent his active life as a farmer and also operated saw mills and did considerable contracting.

During the Civil war he tried several times to get into the Union army but was rejected. Two of his brothers went all through the struggle, earned good records as soldiers, and died as a direct result of hardships incurred in the war. James N. McCoy was deeply interested in the success of the republican party, and while never an aspirant for political honors he assisted his friends in various campaigns. His wife was born in Pike County, Ohio, April 8, 1854, and is now living at Cynthiana, Ohio. Her father, Peter Cartwright, was a direct descendant of the famous itinerant Methodist preacher, Peter Cartwright.

Harry P. McCoy is one of a family of three sons and four daughters, all of whom were given the best advantages of the neighborhood in which they grew up in the way of schools and social privileges. At twelve years of age Harry P. McCoy went to work in a saw mill. After attending the village school he taught, and alternately attended Wooster University, and remained actively in educational work for twenty years. In 1902, on coming to Mahoning County, he had charge of schools at Coitsville and East Youngstown, and was later principal of the Brier Hill School and the Jefferson School. While teaching Mr. McCoy studied law, and was admitted to the bar before America entered the war with Germany.

May 13, 1917, Mr. McCoy entered the officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and was

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commissioned a second lieutenant August 15th. Later he was promoted to first lieutenant, went overseas with the Expeditionary Forces, and saw active service in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Lieutenant McCoy was honorably discharged and returned home in August, 1919.

At the death of Senator Davis he was elected by a handsome majority to fill the unexpired term, and during the recent session of the Legislature has served as a member of the committees on schools, cities, law, taxation and public utilities. In April, 1920, he was appointed secretary of the Federal Savings and Loan Company.

He is a member of the Friends' Church, is affiliated with Ashley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, Hiram Lodge of Perfection, Lake Erie Consistory of the Scottish Rite at Cleveland and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Kiwanis Club.

JOHN SIMON. Among the many solid comforts and conveniences to be enjoyed in a modern, progressive city like Youngstown, is the possibility of securing an abundance of "the staff of life," equal, and often superior, to the old-time domestic loaf, without any of the drudgery of its preparation, in living quarters entirely inadequate as is often the case. A city that can command such high class bakery goods as those supplied by the Simon Bakery of Youngstown may be considered very fortunate. The head of this large enterprise is John Simon, an enterprising and successful business man who has had years of practical experience in the baking industry.

John Simon was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1894, and is a son of John and Barbara (Mauer) Simon, both of whom were born in Alsace-Lorraine, France. The father came to the United States when a young man, and for a short time after reaching Pennsylvania worked as a carpenter at Beaver Falls. From there he went to Pittsburgh, in which city he was married, and there became a carpenter contractor of recognized merit. His death occurred at Byers, Colorado, on April 17, 1907. The mother resides with her children at No. 1120 Oak Hill Avenue, Youngstown. There were eight children in the family, six of whom are living and four of these, John, Adam, Joseph and Anna, are interested in the Simon Bakery at Youngstown and are helping to still further increase the efficiency of the enterprise.

John Simon was reared at Pittsburgh, where he attended the public schools until twelve years old, at which time his practical father deemed it wise to take him as an apprentice to the carpenter trade, but in the following year the father died and John went to work in the August Bold Bakery at Pittsburgh. He immediately took an interest in baking and remained with this employer for the following ten years, learning every detail and having thorough baking training.

In 1916, when Mr. Simon came to Youngstown, with the intention of going into business for himself, he bought the Kimmard Bakery on Market Street, removing it to No. 7 Ridge Avenue, where he remained until his present plant was built. It is one of the most commodious and best equipped plants in the city, modern baking machinery being installed and every sanitary regulation complied with. When Mr. Simon started in business here his bakery goods were carried in baskets to customers, while now the volume of the output requires six trucks to accommodate the trade. There is no cunning secret of delicate baking that is unknown to Mr. Simon, and his force of bakers is equal to any demand made for ceremonious occasions, but he rests his reputation on his standard home-made bread, which, it is safe to say, appears on the tables of the most fastidious epicures in the city. During the great war his brother Adam served with the Thirty-seventh Division in France. The family belongs to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mr. Simon is a member of the order of Elks.

GIOVANNI PASSARELLI, the Youngstown banker, has long enjoyed an influential status in this city, where he is regarded as one of the best educated and most polished citizens. Mr. Passarelli has been an editor, official representative of his mother country, and has a fluent command of nearly half a dozen languages.

He was born in Alfedena, an old Roman town in Italy, located in the valley of the Appenines. From the summit of one of the mountains near his birthplace a view is had of both the cities of Rome and Naples. He was born June 24, 1880, son of Alexander and Teresa Passarelli. His father died May 24, 1914, at the age of eighty-four, and his mother passed away on the 24th of September in the same year, aged seventy-four. His father was a building contractor. Of twelve children six are still living and four are in the United States, two in Detroit and one in Pennsylvania.

Giovanni Passarelli had the benefit of six years education in a college at Trivento. For eight years he lived in the city of Rome, and the greater part of that time was news reporter for the Giornale Di Italia. He also served six months in the Third Regiment of Infantry, and during the World war his old commander was in charge of the garrison at Milan.

Mr. Passarelli landed at New York April 28, 1904, and soon went to Cleveland, where he was editor of La Voce Del Popolo four months. Receiving a teacher's certificate after examination, for two years he was teacher in the night schools of Cleveland, and also employed during the day in an Italian bank. In October, 1906, he was appointed Italian Consul at Indianapolis, and was a resident of that city engaged in his official duties until June, 1909. During 1908 Mr. Passarelli took an active part in the campaign for the election of Taft for president. He spoke and used his influence in practically every Italian community in Indiana.

Mr. Passarelli has been a resident of Youngstown since 1909, when he was made assistant manager of the Foreign Department of the Dollar Bank of Youngstown. In 1913 he engaged in the banking business for himself, his first location being at 386 East Federal, from there removing to 222 East

Federal and then to his present location at 256 East Federal. Besides his bank he has a steamship agency.

Mr. Passarelli is a well qualified lawyer, having studied in Indianapolis and being admitted to the Indiana bar. He made application for citizenship as soon as he arrived in this country and received his final papers in 1911. As a linguist Mr. Passarelli has a fluent command of Latin, French, Spanish and English. He acquired his knowledge of the English language after coming to this country. He is a member of the Italian Society, St. Patrick's Catholic Church and is an Elk.

September 18, 1907, Mr. Passarelli married Miss Minnie J. Merrian, daughter of Nicholas Merrian. Their family consists of two sons and one daughter: Edwin William, Arthur Francis and Merrian Rita.

Norman L. Norris. About twenty-five years ago one of the industries of Youngstown that could lay little claim to prominence was the Phoenix Electric Company. Its chief output was an electric lamp. The product was a creditable one, but the chief problem of the organization was to get proper recognition and secure a sufficient volume of sales.

About that time Norman L. Norris, who was bookkeeper for a Warren concern, took charge of the sales. At first he did all the work by correspondence and presented the merits of the electric lamp so convincingly that in a short time he had developed enough business to tax the factory to the utmost. Such in brief was the beginning and the first chapter of one of Youngstown's most flourishing business concerns today, of which Norman L. Norris is general manager.

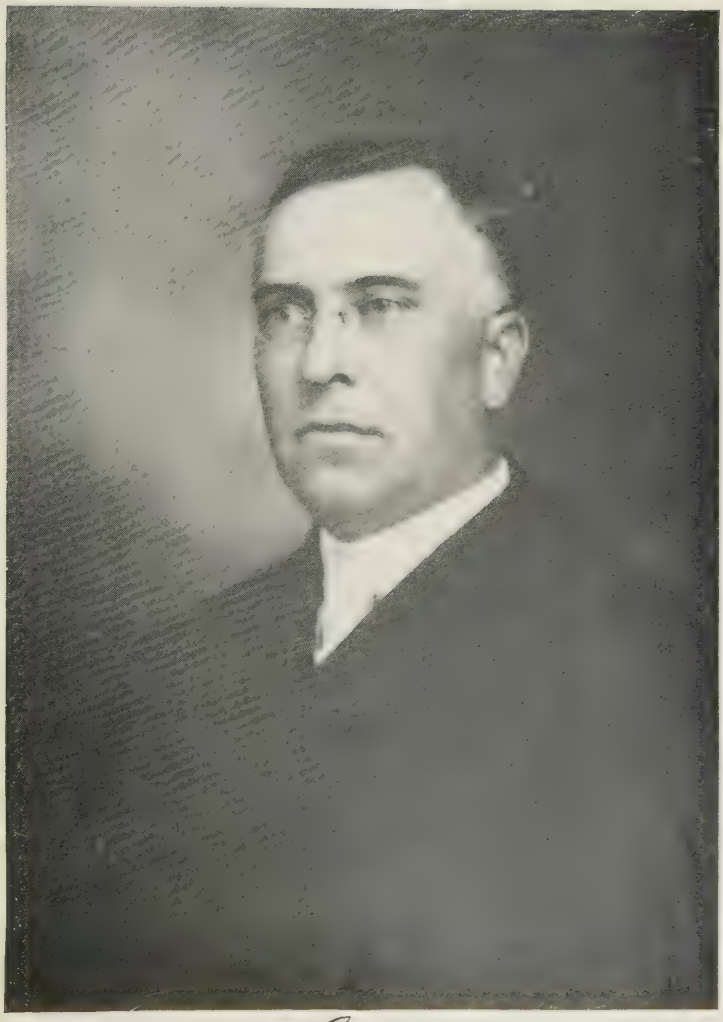
The old Phoenix Electric Company discontinued business in 1898. The Banner Electric Company was organized in 1901, and in 1907 the company's assets and good will were merged with the National Electric Lamp Works. The business is now designated as the Banner Electric Division of National Lamp Works of General Electric Company. Every year has seen the growth and enlargement of the industry. The first plant was a modest one in the old Davis homestead on Bane Street. Additions were made to that house, and the output grew to 1,000 lamps per day. At the present time the Youngstown plant has a daily capacity of 35,000 lamps. A large factory was built on Market Street in 1905, and later one on Williams Street. Today this constitutes one of Youngstown's model industries. Practically all the 600 employes are young women, who enter the business after special training and apprenticeship. Their work is that of a skilled trade. Some of the most advanced ideas of industrial efficiency and plant management have been carried out here. A physician and dentist are available to all the employes, there are attractive lunch rooms, a library, periodical lectures and entertainments, and every safeguard is thrown around the welfare of the workers.

Mr. Norman L. Norris was born on a farm near Windsor in Ashtabula County, Ohio, November 25, 1863, and is a member of two families who were pioneers in the old Western Reserve. His parents, George G. and Celia M. (Alderman) Norris, were also natives of Ohio. His grandfather, Lemuel Norris, was a farmer in Ashtabula County and the Norrises came from Connecticut and settled in the forest among the Indians about the time Ohio was admitted to the Union. George G. Norris left the farm to become a soldier in the Civil war, and his death in 1865 was directly due to exposure and the hardships of a soldier's life. He died at the age of forty-seven. His wife, Celia M. Alderman, who for twenty years was a resident of Youngstown, died in 1918, at the age of ninety-four; she was a daughter of Jesse Alderman, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a carpenter and shoemaker. He cut the timber from his own land and built the home of the first Episcopal Church at Windsor, a church edifice still in use. The Norris and Alderman farms were near North Windsor and Windsor Mills. George Norris and his wife were schoolmates. They had two children, Norman and Elsie S., the latter the wife of John E. Hart, a salesman for the Banner Electric Company of Youngstown. Their mother was married to Albert E. Brainard, and they left the old farm in Ashtabula County and moved to Gustavus in Trumbull County.

Norman L. Norris grew up at Gustavus, acquired his education in the Academy there, and at the age of sixteen began teaching a country school. He was in school work five years at Gustavus and Kinsman, and following that became a clerk in the Philo Gates general store at Gustavus Center. This was an old fashioned country store, buying everything produced on the farm and selling everything needed in the country community. By his diligence and alertness, Mr. Norris won commendations both as a teacher and salesman, and the success of his early years has been broadened and amplified in mature life. After three years as a clerk in the store at Gustavus Center he removed to Warren and became bookkeeper for the Warren Manufacturing Company, a retail lumber firm and also engaged in the manufacture of furniture. He was there four years, and during the last year organized the Phoenix Electric Company, as noted above.

Mr. Norris married Miss Josephine M. Swager. Their marriage was celebrated on his twenty-second and her twenty-first birthday. She was born at Bazetta, Ohio, and her father was a native of Ohio and her mother of England. Her father was Lorenzo Swager. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have three children: Alta M., wife of W. E. Bancroft, who lives on the Norswa Farm in Canfield Township, Mahoning County; George E., who is manager of the Automatic Oil Burner Company, of Youngstown; and Norman L., Jr., a high school student. The son George did his bit during the war by nine months' service in the gas defense department with the Hero Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, a concern making gas masks. Mr. Norris has served as one of the trustees of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Youngstown Credit Men's Association, is a trustee of the Poland Country Club and of the Youngstown Public Library, and is a republican in politics.

Joseph A. Spievak. A young man of rare personal worth and ability, possessing much force of



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character, Joseph A. Spievak, of Youngstown, has met misfortune bravely, and, though physically sadly handicapped, has thoroughly overcome all difficulties, and by persistent energy and effort has built up a substantial business in the manufacture of artificial limbs, it being at the present time a useful and much-needed industry. He was born August 13, 1892, in Galicia, Austrian Poland, and as a boy of eight years came to the United States with his parents, Anthony and Hannah Spievak, who settled in Derby, Connecticut.

Beginning his studies in the parochial schools of Derby, Joseph A. Spievak further advanced his education by reading and observation, and later by taking a correspondence course at the International Correspondence School and a business course at the Alexander Hamilton Institute. When a lad of but thirteen years he worked in various factories in his home town, and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company. Six months later, in a railroad accident, he was unfortunate enough to lose both legs below the knee, a calamity that would have crushed the ambition of many a boy. Nothing daunted, however, Mr. Spievak subsequently found a position with the late C. A, Frees, of New York City, a veteran artificial limb manufacturer, who had acquired a national reputation for his skill in making artificial limbs.

Becoming an expert in the art, Mr. Spievak was afterward associated in the same line of work with J. E. Hanger, of Washington, District of Columbia. In 1914 Mr. Spievak located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was in business for four years, representing Mr. Hanger. Coming to Youngstown in September, 1918, he has since been successfully conducting the business of the Youngstown Artificial Limb Company, and is meeting with unquestioned success.

William H. Peterson. The office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave upon the record the verdict establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his neighbors and fellow citizens. The life of William H. Peterson, who is capably discharging the responsible duties of plumbing inspector of Youngstown, has been such as to elicit just praise from those who know him best, and today he enjoys to a marked degree the esteem of the community.

William H. Peterson was born in Monticello, Iowa, on May 24, 1880, and is the son of Joseph and Mabel (Stambaugh) Peterson. The father was born in Rochester, New York, in 1854, and the mother, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, in 1853, and they now reside in Cloquet, Minnesota. Her father, William Stambaugh, was a farmer in the Keystone state, and when Mrs. Peterson was a mere child, they drove overland to Iowa, where he filed a homestead claim. He is a cousin of Daniel and Jacob Stambaugh, of Youngstown. Joseph Peterson was a plumber in Monticello, Iowa, but went from there to Bay River, Minnesota, where he homesteaded a farm in the timber country. After living there for a time he moved to Cloquet, Minnesota, where he is now living. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. They became the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch, and Martin L., who is engaged in the plumbing business in Cloquet.

William H. Peterson spent his boyhood years under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools of Monticello, being a graduate of the high school. He learned the trade of a plumber in his father's establishment, and later went to Chicago, where he worked at his trade for about a year and a half. From there in 1897 he went to New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he worked until 1898, when he enlisted in Battery B, United States Artillery, with which he was sent to Cuba. He took part in the battle of San Juan Hill, where he was wounded. He served in the army until 1901, when he was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Upon leaving the army Mr. Peterson came to Youngstown and engaged in the plumbing business as a partner in the firm of Vinopal-Peterson Plumbing Company, in which he continued to be engaged until 1905, in which year he was appointed to the position of plumbing inspector. His discharge of the duties of this office, has been so eminently satisfactory that he has been retained in his position through the several succeeding administrations, which is certainly a marked compliment to his capability and faithfulness. Mr. Peterson is today one of the oldest members of the official personnel at the City Hall, but few men having served the city longer than he, and none more efficiently.

On September 10, 1902, Mr. Peterson was married to Grace Edna Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jones, and to them has been born a daughter, Edna Louise. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while fraternally, Mr. Peterson is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained to the degrees of Knight Templar in the York Rite and to the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and he is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Politically Mr. Peterson is an earnest supporter of the republican party. Personally he is a genial and pleasant man, who easily makes friends, and he is held in high esteem by all who know him.

Joseph V. McClaskey. Deeds are thoughts crystallized, and according to their brilliancy do we judge the worth of a man to the country which produced him, and in his work we expect to find the true index to his character. A worthy representative of that type of American business man who may properly be termed "progressive," that character which promotes public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests, is Joseph V. McClaskey, well known business man of Youngstown, who has not only been successful in his private undertakings, but has also maintained a keen interest in local public affairs.

Joseph V. McClaskey was born in Millvale, Pennsylvania, on February 14, 1890, and is the son of I. O. and Laura (Gilbert) McClaskey, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Ohio. I. O. McClaskey, who is now retired from active interests at the age of seventy-eight years, was in the sheet metal business for many years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Warren, Ohio, and Helena,

Montana. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having been a member of the Thirteenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, in which he held an officer's commission. He participated in many battles, including the Wilderness, and was wounded twice. He is a republican in his political views.

Joseph V. McClaskey attended the public schools of Millvale, being a graduate of the high school, and then pursued his studies in the Carnegie Technical Institute at Pittsburgh, where he was graduated in June, 1913. Thereafter, for the purpose of gaining practical experience in the manufacture of sheet metal, he worked in various mills of the United States. For a year and a half he was in business for himself in a small way in Pittsburgh. Then he became connected with the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Company, in connection with gas engines, in the engineering department. In 1915 Mr. McClaskey started in the manufacture of sheet metal in a modest way at 1419 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, in which he was prospered, so that some time later he was able to buy land and erect a plant at 1583 Mahoning Avenue, where he is now located and where he is making plans for an extensive addition to the plant, necessitated by their rapidly growing business, which is conducted under the title of J. V. McClaskey & Company. When the business was first established there were three workmen employed, whereas now from eighteen to twenty-five men are given constant employment. In addition to sheet metal the firm handles furnaces and all kinds of roofing. Mr. McClaskey has an accurate and comprehensive technical knowledge of the business, and is considered a sound and practical authority in his line.

Mr. McClaskey was married to Nellie Morris, the daughter of Benjamin Morris, who is a Civil war veteran and who is an employe of the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Company. To Mr. and Mrs. McClaskey has been born a son, Clyde Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. McClaskey are members of the Central Christian Church and he is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Builders' Exchange, the Employers' Association and the Master Sheet Metal Workers' Association. He is a splendid example of the virile, progressive, self-made man who believes in doing well whatever is worth doing at all, a man of keen discernment and sound judgment, and he enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and good will of all who know him.

FRANK B. SMITH. Proprietor of one of the largest, finest equipped, and most nearly up-to-date garages in Youngstown, Frank B. Smith, whose slogan is "service," has a thorough knowledge of automobiles, from radiator to differential, and has established for himself an enviable reputation for superior executive and business ability. In 1915 Mr. Smith erected his present plant, at 36-46 Pyatt Street, the building being of reenforced concrete, with 32,000 square feet of absolutely fire-proof floor space. The big, bright, clean, modernly furnished sales room is one of the pleasantest and most commodious in the city, and, like each of the eight distinct departments of the plant, is under the superintendence of an experienced man. During the recent World war this shop furnished training for special service, the army demanding the highest possible skill in every department of its work.

A son of W. and Matilda (Walters) Smith, Frank B. Smith was born December 13, 1889, on Rayen Avenue, Youngstown. His father, for many years a prominent business man of Youngstown, was born in Tecumseh, Michigan, and died in Youngstown, Ohio, July 7, 1916. His wife survives him, and is still a resident of Youngstown. A further history of the family may be found on another page of this volume.

Having acquired his preliminary education in the Elm Street School, Frank B. Smith attended the Rayen Avenue School three years, after which he entered the employ of the Sheet and Tube Company, beginning as office boy and being rapidly advanced to positions of more importance. Embarking in business in a machine shop in 1908, at Tod Avenue and Irving Place, Mr. Smith later was at 114 East Boardman Street until 1911, when he began specializing on inventions and patents. Subsequently devoting his energies to the selling branch of the business, he handled the Buick and the Rambler in 1911 and 1912; the Ford from 1912 until 1917; and since that time has carried on a thriving business as a dealer in the Paige and Chevrolet machines, having a large and remunerative patronge.

On the twenty-fifth day of September, 1911, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel Lemuel Foster, and of their union two children have been born, Jane Elizabeth and Lois Eleanor. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Smith are active members of the First Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Smith is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a prominent member of all of the local bodies of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons. He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Poland Country Club.

REV. JESSE LEROY MILLER, who has been pastor of the Grace English Lutheran Church at Youngstown since 1897, has well deserved the reputation he enjoys as the strongest and most popular pastor of his church in the Mahoning Valley. The great strength and success of his pastorate is due to his ability to get harmonious team work from his congregation. He has been a real leader in the sense that he has been able to inspire his people to work and co-operate with him. His congregation is a splendid example of harmony, of prosperous growth, and the efficiency resulting in practical good to the members of the congregation themselves and the broadening influence of the church to humanity.

The present church at Youngstown is the outgrowth of an idea and movement during the early seventies for the establishment of the Lutheran Church with services in the English language. The first meeting of those English German Lutherans was held in September, 1877, and the society was continued as a mission for several years. The first church at the corner of Wood Street and Belmont Avenue was dedicated December 11, 1881. The first

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regular pastor was Rev. E. J. Meissner, who resigned early in 1887 and was succeeded the next year by Rev. Homer W. Tope, whose administration was marked by the enlargement of the church building, the erection of a parsonage, and the placing of the congregation upon a self-supporting basis. His pastorate continued until the spring of 1895. Then after an interim Rev. Jesse Leroy Miller became pastor in July, 1897, coming to Youngstown fresh from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mount Airy, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miller was born in German Township, Harrison County, Ohio, June 9, 1870, son of John and Susanna (Mikesel) Miller. His father was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1822, and his mother in Frederick County, Maryland, February 15, 1824. They were married in Harrison County, Ohio, in May, 1848, by Rev. David Sparks. The father died at the old home where the family had lived for fifty years, January 3, 1905, while the mother passed away January 5, 1910. In a family of eleven children nine reached mature years and seven sons are still living. The oldest, Oscar B., is a teacher in the high school in his home town of Germano, Ohio; Henry Allison was a farmer near the old home, who died at the age of sixty-seven; Andrew B., a farmer near the old home; Rev. Daniel D., of Smithton, Pennsylvania; Joseph M., a farmer near Steubenville, Ohio; Professor Samuel H., who for eighteen years has been a member of the faculty at Thiel College; Clement E., on the old home farm; Clayton L., who was a farmer near Greenville, Pennsylvania, and was born in 1865 and died in 1918; and Jesse Leroy.

Jesse Leroy Miller is a graduate of Thiel College at Greenville, Pennsylvania, and took his theological work in the Lutheran Seminary at Mount Airy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Early in Mr. Miller's pastorate the church was found to be hemmed in by the commercial growth of the city, and on March 3, 1901, the old church property was sold and a new site secured on West Rayen Avenue. The cornerstone of the handsome new church edifice was laid August 10, 1902, and the building was dedicated September 6, 1903. At the present time Grace English Lutheran Church has nearly a thousand members, and has all the auxiliary organizations for effective work, both in the church and domestic and foreign missionary and educational movements. The mortgage on the present church was burned in October, 1918, and since then large sums have been raised within the congregation for educational work at Thiel College and other institutions. The pastorate and membership of the church have always been noted for devotion to American institutions, which in fact is the principal foundation stone of the English Lutheran Church in America.

Rev. Mr. Miller has been fortunate in his career, in his pastorate, and also in the inspiration of his devoted and Christian wives. June 25, 1897, a short time before coming to Youngstown, he married Alice Theresa West, daughter of Samuel and Mary West. She was born February 12, 1860, was a graduate of Thiel College, and died September 8, 1900. Her death was regarded as a grievous loss to the entire congregation of the church at Youngstown. She was the mother of one son, J. Leroy, Jr., who is a graduate of South High School at Youngstown, and now enrolled as a student at Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, and many times expressed a regret during the World war that he was too young to enlist and do his bit as a youthful patriot. Rev. Mr. Miller married for his present wife, Ada Elizabeth Ritter, daughter of Eugene and Sarah Ritter. She was born at Youngstown August 25, 1875, is a graduate of Rayen High School, and for ten years was a teacher in the public schools of the city and both before and since her marriage an able and devoted church worker. They have one daughter, Alice Elizabeth, born May 27, 1906. Mr. Miller is a member of the Board of Trustees of Thiel College.

Philip Kreuzwieser. The office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave upon the record the verdict establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his neighbors and fellow citizens. In touching upon the life history of the subject of this sketch the writer aims to avoid fulsome encomium and extravagant praise; yet he desires to hold up for consideration those facts which have shown the distinction of a true, useful and honorable life—a life characterized by perseverance, energy and well defined purpose. To do this will be but to reiterate the dictum pronounced upon the man by the people who have known him long and well.

Philip Kreuzwieser, who has been actively identified with the lumber business in Youngstown for more than a quarter of a century, was born in Germany in 1863, and is the son of Conrad and Elizabeth Kreuzwieser. The father, who was a farmer in his native land, is now deceased, and is survived by his widow, who is now eighty-six years of age. The subject of this sketch was reared on the home farm, and also had considerable experience in the timber business, having engaged in the manufacture of heavy timber for ships and in the production of cooperage timbers. In 1893 Mr. Kreuzwieser, desirous of larger opportunities for business advancement, immigrated to the United States, coming at once to Youngstown, to which place relatives and friends had preceded him. Having had considerable experience, as just stated, in the lumber and timber business, it was but natural for him to turn to the same line of work here, and his first employment was with Heller Brothers, where he had charge of the lumber yard and of shipping. Later he became connected with the Iron City Lumber Company, until their interests were taken over by the Union Wholesale Lumber Company, when he became superintendent of the latter company's plant on Williamson Avenue. Recently, on account of his proficiency in the use of the German language and his general knowledge of the business and of its manufacture, he was put in charge of Plant No. Four, which position he still retains. This position entails a vast amount of responsibility, but Mr. Kreuzwieser is well qualified for the duties thrown upon him and is discharging them in a manner that has won for him the complete approval of the officers of the company.

Mr. Kreuzwieser was married in Germany to Louisa Albrecht, and they have become the parents of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Philip, Jr., associated with the Hawk-Palmer Company; Louisa, the wife of Elza Booth, superintendent of Yard No. Three of the Union Wholesale Lumber Company; Conrad, a plumber in Youngstown; Henry, engaged in business in Niles, Ohio; Irma, the wife of David Jenkins; Esther, employed in the offices of Plant No. Three, Union Wholesale Lumber Company; Alma, with her father in the offices of Plant No. Four; and Hilda, at home.

Religiously Mr. Kreuzwieser and his family are members of the First Reformed Church, of which he has been a deacon for fifteen years and is also corresponding secretary. He is a member of the Protective Home Circle. He belongs distinctively to that class of German-American citizens to whom this country owes so much, for he has shown all the qualities of good citizenship and has been loyal to our institutions both in time of peace and conflict. The splendid success which has come to him is directly traceable to the salient points in his character, for he started life at the bottom of the ladder, which he has mounted unaided, and today he enjoys to a notable degree the esteem and good will of all who know him.

Thomas Joseph Bray. No better eulogium can be pronounced upon a community or upon its individual members than to point to the work they have accomplished. Theories look fine on the printed page and sound well when proclaimed from the platform, but in the end it is effort in the various lines of industrial activity which develops the man and tells on society. This is essentially a utilitarian age, and the man of action is very much in evidence. Thomas J. Bray, president of the Republic Iron and Steel Company of Youngstown, is such a man, and as such it is pleasant to contemplate briefly his career and character. Intimately associated for years with the industrial development of this thriving city, and taking an active part in other local activities, he is not underestimated by a people who long since learned to appreciate his true value as a potent factor in important affairs. Though a man of unpretentious demeanor, he possesses the silent but powerful force that attracts men—the mental qualities and personal magnetism that draw men to him and the tact and power that make men as well as events subserve his purpose.

Thomas Joseph Bray was born May 1, 1867, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a son of Thomas Joseph and Anna Jacova (Collins) Bray. The father, who was a native of rock-ribbed Wales and came to the United States in his early youth, was a mechanical engineer by profession. He became actively identified with the tube making industry, and at the time of his death he was the manager of the Continental department of the National Tube Company. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and technical acquirements and designed and built various plants which are now a part of the National Tube Company. The subject's mother, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, was of old Virginia and Kentucky stock, dating in this country back to 1750. Her grandfather, Sylvester Pattie, a native of Kentucky, was a noted frontiersman and pioneer of his day.

Thomas J. Bray received his elementary educational training in his native city. He then began an apprenticeship in pattern making with the Lewis Foundry and Machine Company of Pittsburgh, with whom he remained from 1883 to 1886. During the following four years he was with the Riverside Iron Works and the Lewis Foundry and Machine Company, becoming chief draftsman of the latter company. He resigned this position in 1890 in order to enter Lehigh University at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1894 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. During the period from 1894 to 1901 Mr. Bray was with the Ohio Steel Company of Youngstown and McGill & Company of Pittsburgh, being secretary and mechanical engineer of the latter. From 1901 to 1906 he was chief engineer of the United Engineering and Foundry Company, and in the latter year he became associated with the Republic Iron and Steel Company of Youngstown, as assistant to the president. Soon afterward he became vice president, in charge of the operating department, and in April, 1911, he was elected president of the company, in which position he has served continuously to the present time, being also a director in the company and president of their various subsidiary companies. The Republic Iron and Steel Company is one of the most important and prosperous corporations in the Mahoning Valley, and to Mr. Bray is directly due a large part of the success which has characterized the operations of the company, especially during recent years. He is also a director of the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings Bank and Trust Company, both of Youngstown. He is a member of the Duquesne and University clubs of Pittsburgh, the Youngstown and Youngstown Country clubs, of Youngstown, of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the British Iron and Steel Institute, and of the American Iron and Steel Institute. He is a progressive man in the broadest sense of the term, and because of his earnest life, high attainments, well rounded character and large influence, he is eminently entitled to representation in a work of the character of the one in hand.

In 1896 Mr. Bray was married to Isabel Matthews, and to their union have been born three sons, Thomas J., Jr., Theodore M. and Charles. During the recent World war Theodore M., while a student in Yale University, enlisted in the naval service of the United States. The family attend the First Unitarian Church of Youngstown.

Frank L. DeNormandie. The life history of him whose name heads this biographical review is closely identified with the history of Youngstown, which has long been his home. He began his business career here many years ago, and through the subsequent years he has been closely allied with the city's interests and upbuilding. His life has been one of untiring activity and has been crowned with a degree of success that has been richly earned through persistent and consecutive effort. He is of the highest type of progressive citizen and none more than he deserves a fitting recognition among

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those whose enterprise and ability have achieved results that awakened the admiration of those who know them.

Frank L. DeNormandie was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, on January 15, 1853, and is the son of Theodore and Christina DeNormandie. Theodore DeNormandie was descended from a sterling line of Swiss ancestors, the family having come to this country from Geneva, Switzerland. He was a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was by trade a nailer, or maker of the old-style cut nails. After his removal to New Castle he became foreman in the plant of Rice, Brown & Berger. He was a splendid citizen and was a man of strong religious feelings and principles, having been a leader in religious activities for many years, as a Sunday school worker and in other lines. He was a very close friend of Ira D. Sankey, the world-famous song writer and evangelistic singer, and at one time they were partners in business. Mr. DeNormandie made a washing machine and he and Sankey sold some of them to the farmers in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. DeNormandie was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are both deceased, his death occurring in 1867, at the age of forty-seven years, and his wife passed away some time later. Nine children were born to their marriage, several of whom died in infancy. The three now living are, Mary, the wife of Noble Holton, of Youngstown; Frank L., the immediate subject of this sketch, and Lida, the wife of John Knox, of New Castle, Pennsylvania. Emma, who was the wife of William McBurney, of New Castle, died at the age of about twenty-seven years.

Frank L. DeNormandie was reared in New Castle, where he secured a good practical public school education. In 1869, at the age of sixteen years, he entered the employ of John H. Bushnell, a harnessmaker in Youngstown, but later he returned to the paternal farmstead for a time. He then re-entered Bushnell's employ as foreman, holding that position until 1884, when, in association with J. T. Kay, he bought the Bushnell business. Later he also purchased Mr. Kay's interest at No. 24 South Phelps Street, where for many years the DeNormandie business activities were centered. About that time (1908) Mr. DeNormandie's son, Albert Franklin, was admitted to a partnership in the business, the firm name being styled F. L. DeNormandie & Son. Formerly for many years the business was confined to harness and harnessmaking, but of recent years they have added a full line of automobile accessories and are among the leaders in that line also, as they have been for many years in the handling of harness and its kindred lines. Mr. DeNormandie built a business block which Frank L. DeNormandie & Son now occupy at Elm and Thornton streets, Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. DeNormandie has always had abiding faith in Youngstown's future and has given evidence of this in his business activities, having for a number of years followed the practice of building handsome residences and then selling them.

In 1874 Mr. DeNormandie was married to Emma McIntire, the daughter of John McIntire, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and the two children born to them were Albert Franklin, who is now junior member of Frank L. DeNormandie & Son, and Blanch Ada, deceased, who was the wife of John W. Miller of Cleveland. She left one daughter, Ruth, who is being reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. DeNormandie.

Politically Mr. DeNormandie has been a life-long supporter of the republican party and has been active in local public affairs. On the death of James Botsford he was appointed to fill the vacancy on the City Council caused thereby, and was then elected to succeed himself and served one term, but he refused to qualify for a third term, for the reason that as a member of the City Council he could not deal as a merchant with the City of Youngstown. In 1905 he was elected sheriff of Mahoning County, and was elected for a second term, thus serving until 1909 and giving a very satisfactory administration of the office. He was also a member of the Civil Service Commission of the City of Youngstown for three years. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. While advancing his individual interests he has never lost sight of his obligations to the community in general and has contributed in a very material way to the upbuilding of the city and has always been an earnest supporter of every movement for the moral and civic betterment of the community. Essentially a man of affairs, sound of judgment and far-seeing in whatever he has undertaken, he has won and retains the confidence and esteem of all classes.

Leo S. Wilkoff, a son of one of Youngstown's foremost business men, Samuel Wilkoff, whose career is sketched on other pages, has earned his own right and distinction in his native city as a lawyer.

Leo S. Wilkoff received his early education at the Rayen High School, and attended college at Bedford City, Virginia, and at Mount Union, Alliance, Ohio. He then entered the Cincinnati Law School, graduating with his LL. B. degree in 1914. Soon afterward he was appointed second assistant prosecuting attorney by Mr. Huxley, and the two years and three months he spent in that office gave him a great variety of experience and also confidence for independent practice. He resigned to give his time to his growing general practice. He has had much success in criminal cases.

Mr. Wilkoff is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Elks, with the Progress Club and other local social and civic organizations. In 1913 he married Miss Cecelia Belle Cohen, daughter of Charles and Rae Cohen, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Ruth Caroline, born in 1914.

George B. Eastlake. In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their own way to success through unfavorable conditions we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which can not only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The gentleman to whom the reader's attention is now called was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and a wise economy, he

has attained a comfortable station in life and a high place in the estimation of those who know him.

George B. Eastlake was born at Jamestown, Pennsylvania, on September 30, 1878, and is the son of George W. and Melissa Jane (Lawyer) Eastlake. George W. Eastlake, who is now living in Andover, Ohio, at the age of eighty years, was a farmer by vocation during his active years. During the Civil war he offered his services in defense of the Union and served two years as a member of Company C, Twenty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was seriously wounded and disabled and received an honorable discharge. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He comes of sterling old English stock, and his wife, who is now deceased, was of Welsh ancestry. They became the parents of seven children, of whom six are living, Byron having been killed in an accident when twenty-seven years old.

George B. Eastlake received his education in the public schools of Jamestown, Pennsylvania, and Andover, Ohio, graduating from the high school in the latter place, whither the family had moved in 1890. After leaving high school Mr. Eastlake taught country schools for two years, and then became a traveling salesman in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. His next employment was as a driver for the Adams Express Company at Canton, Ohio, from which he was appointed express agent at Wellsville, Ohio. Nine years later he became bookkeeper for the Franklin Manufacturing Company at Franklin, Pennsylvania, remaining there two years. Again he joined the Adams Express Company as agent at Alliance, Ohio, but a year later he was sent to Indianapolis, Indiana, as night bill clerk for a few months, following which he was sent to Coshocton, Ohio, as agent. In 1912 the Adams Company sent him to take charge of the Youngstown office, but one year later he quit the express business and became manager of the Wheeler Mineral Springs Company, with which company he has remained to the present time. His practical business experience prior to coming here has enabled him to manage the affairs of this company with splendid success, its volume of business growing from year to year in a very satisfactory degree. This company is erecting a modern sanitary building to take care of the ever increasing demands for this wonderful spring water.

In 1910 Mr. Eastlake was united in marriage with Mary M. Graham, the daughter of C. C. Graham, of Coshocton, and they are now the parents of four children, Virginia, John, Robert and Eleanor. Politically Mr. Eastlake is nominally a republican, but at the ballot, as in other things, he is honest to his convictions, voting for the men and measures which he believes to be for the general good. He is an active member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a member of the board of trustees, the board of stewards, the estimating committee, and is assistant financial secretary. Although a quiet and unassuming man, with no ambition for public position or leadership, he has contributed his share to the material, civic and moral advancement of his community, while his admirable qualities of head and heart and the straightforward course of his daily life have won for him the esteem and confidence of the circles in which he moves.

James H. Grose. It is by no means an easy task to describe within the limits of this review a man who has led an active life and by his own exertions reached a position of honor and trust in the line of work with which his interests are allied. But biography finds justification, nevertheless, in tracing and recording the story of such a life, as the public claims a certain property interest in the career of every individual, and the time invariably arrives when it becomes advisable to give the right publicity. It is then with a certain degree of satisfaction that the chronicler essays the task of touching briefly upon such a record as has been that of James H. Grose, president of the Brier Hill Steel Company, at Youngstown, a man of high standing among his business associates and one who enjoys to a marked degree distinct prestige in this community.

James H. Grose was born at Calumet, Michigan, on December 31, 1865, being one of five children born to James H. and Eliza (Richerd) Grose. James H. Grose, senior, was a native of England, where he was reared and, near Cornwall, engaged in farming. He married there, and in 1864, in the hope of bettering his financial condition, immigrated with his family to the United States. Following the example of many of his acquaintances, he went to the copper country of Michigan, where he secured work in the mines. From there he came to the Youngstown, Ohio, district about 1871, and engaged in coal mining here and in Mercer and Jefferson counties, Pennsylvania. Later he engaged in railroad work and was a faithful employe of the Lake Shore road for thirty-three years, his death occurring on September 28, 1915. He was a man of excellent principles, honest, hard-working and law abiding, and he commanded the respect of his fellow men because of his exemplary character. He did not accumulate much of this world's goods, owing to the fact that his qualities did not lie in that direction, but he provided a good living for those dependent upon him and also was punctilious in paying every obligation incurred by him. His widow survives him and resides in Youngstown.

James H. Grose, the immediate subject of this review, is indebted to the public schools for his early education, later attending and graduating at Reidsburg Academy at Reidsburg, Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter he entered the employ of the Morris Bridge Company, where after a short time he was put into the mechanical department and there learned the machinist's trade. Later he was transferred to the engineering department to learn bridge engineering, but unfortunately the plant was destroyed by fire and he found himself without employment. In 1887 he went to Homestead, Pennsylvania, and became foreman of the bridge department for the Carnegie Company, and has been connected in some capacity with that great corporation ever since. From foreman on the bridge work he became superintendent of the structural department, then superintendent of the Howard Axle Works, superintendent of the Schoen Pressed Steel Car

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Works at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, and then, on January 20, 1912, he was transferred to Youngstown as superintendent of the Ohio Works and Furnaces, under Thomas McDonald. On January 1, 1916, he was promoted to district general superintendent, to succeed Mr. McDonald, a position he occupied until January 12, 1920, when he was elected president of the Brier Hill Steel Company. This is a position of vast responsibility, but Mr. Grose's long experience in the iron business and his natural qualifications have eminently fitted him for the position which he now so creditably fills.

In May, 1890, Mr. Grose was married to Sadie S. Owens, of Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons, William J. and James P. The former was in the United States naval service during the recent war with Germany.

Mr. Grose is a member of the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club, while fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, in which he has attained to the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging also to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania, and the Engineers Society of Youngstown. By a straight-forward and commendable course he has made his way from a humble beginning to a responsible position in the business world, winning the hearty admiration of those familiar with his record. Personally he is a man of genial and kindly disposition, who readily makes friends, and he is exceedingly well liked by all who come in contact with him.

Benjamin R. Isenberg. Among the citizens of Youngstown who have built up a good business and distinguished themselves by right and honorable living is Benjamin R. Isenberg, another of the large band of foreign-born citizens who have done such a commendable work for the upbuilding of Mahoning County. His prominence in the community is conceded and his career will speak for itself, for he has been a man who has believed in helping others in a general way, at least, while laboring for his own advancement along material lines. He has much of the characteristic thrift and energy of the race of which he is a creditable representative, and while he reveres his old homeland, as is natural and right, he nevertheless has been loyal to the western republic in which he has cast his lot and has taken about as much interest in our affairs, domestic and national, as we who are native born.

Benjamin R. Isenberg was born in Tylitch, Austria, on August 23, 1878, and is a son of Solomon and Malke Isenberg. Solomon Isenberg immigrated from Austria to the United States and located first in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Some time later he went to Beaver Falls, that state, and then to Roscoe, the same state. His first employment here was in iron mills, where he made good money, of which he was wisely economical, so that he was enabled to start in business for himself. Though now seventy-two years of age, he is still engaged actively in business. After he had become established in business here he sent for his family, who came to the United States in 1890. The mother died in 1896, when forty-two years of age, and some years afterward Mr. Isenberg was married to Fannie Friedman, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. To the first union four sons were born, namely: Philip, a dealer in shoes and leather findings in Youngstown; Benjamin R. is the next in order of birth; Samuel H. is connected with Robins Brothers, of Youngstown; J. H. is associated with the subject in the shoe business and is in charge of the store which they operate at Sharon, Pennsylvania. Five children were born of the second marriage: Benjamin, who died while serving the United States in the Great European war; Fannie, Esther, Molly and Jacob.

Benjamin R. Isenberg attended school to some extent in his native land and was about twelve years of age when the family came to the United States. His first employment was in selling newspapers on the streets of New York City, where he lived from 1891 to 1895. Later he found employment in a brush factory, and in the meantime he sought to supplement his education by attendance at night schools. In 1895 he came to Youngstown in company with his brother Philip and engaged in the operation of a shoe repairing shop and second-hand store. He was financially successful in this enterprise and in 1900 he engaged in the shoe business under the name of the "People's Shoe Store," at No. 260 West Federal Street, Youngstown. Later he moved to No. 241 on the same street, and eventually to his present store at No. 250 West Federal Street. Starting in a modest way, he soon built up a large and representative patronage and has since become recognized as an enterprising, progressive and successful business man. In 1910 Mr. Isenberg also opened a shoe store in Cleveland, but later he moved that stock to Youngstown and opened another store on East Federal Street. In 1912 a store was opened in Sharon, Pennsylvania, which is, as stated, under the management of a brother of the subject, J. H. Isenberg. The subject of this sketch is the buyer for the three stores, and by buying right he is able to sell right, the buying public being the beneficiary.

In 1907 Mr. Isenberg was married to Helen Zinner, a daughter of Adolph Zinner, of Cleveland, and to them have been born three children, Helen, Jacob and Joseph. Mr. Isenberg is an active member of Rodef Sholem Congregation and is vice president of a committee which has been selected to supervise the erection of a new temple for Anshe Emeth Congregation, of which he is to become a member. He is also a member of the B'rith Sholem. He has been successful in business, respected in social life and as a neighbor he has discharged his duties in a manner becoming a liberal minded, intelligent citizen. He is charitable and generous and, because of his success and his fine personal qualities, he is respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Louis Greenberg. Although born under another flag, in a country of widely different customs from ours, Louis Greenberg, proprietor of the Ohio Creamery Company of Youngstown, has been true to the duties of citizenship in his adopted country, faithful to every trust reposed in him and well

worthy of the high regard in which he is universally held. A plain, straightforward, unassuming gentleman, he has sought to make his business what is should be, one of the really essential industries of the community, and one would judge from the steady growth of the business in a general way and from the many laudatory statements from his hundreds of customers that he has succeeded admirably well. He seems to have ever had the good of this locality at heart and has advocated and supported every movement calculated to benefit the same in a material, civic or moral way, and he therefore enjoys the good will and esteem of all classes.

Louis Greenberg was born in 1876, under the rule of the Czar, the son of Barnard Greenberg, who also was a native of Russia. His mother died there, and when he was a boy of six years his father brought him to the United States. Their first permanent location was at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where the father followed his trade, that of a tailor. Later he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of Beaver Falls and Philadelphia, and at the age of nineteen years he was engaged in the creamery and wholesale and retail dairy products business in Philadelphia. He was so engaged for several years, but in 1903 he came to Youngstown, Ohio, and established himself in the retail clothing business on Federal Street, which occupied his attention for several years. Then, disposing of that business, he opened a wholesale dairy products establishment at No. 24 Walnut Street, in which he met with so gratifying a degree of success that a short time afterward he was enabled to purchase his present place of business at Nos. 242-4 East Boardman Street, where he has built up one of the largest volumes of trade in his line in the Mahoning Valley, his operations being conducted under the name of the Ohio Creamery Company. His trade covers the towns of East Youngstown, Warren, Niles, Girard and Struthers, as well as a large section of Youngstown.

While living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Greenberg was married to Fannie Greenberg, and to this union have been born four sons and a daughter, namely: Harry, Samuel, Raymond, Henry and Ida. Mrs. Fannie Greenberg died on July 14, 1911, and sometime afterward Mr. Greenberg was married to Hannah Greenburg, of Cleveland, Ohio, to which union have been born three children, Morris, Gertrude and Bertha. Harry and Sam played their part, as far as was possible, in the World's war, the former having been on the way overseas when the armistice was signed, while Sam was serving in the general hospital at Otisville, New York. Both are graduates of the Rayen High School, and their records are such that their father has reason to be proud.

Mr. Greenberg and his family are affiliated with Emanuel Jewish Congregation. Mr. Greenberg is a member of the Credit Men's Association. Though a foreigner by birth, America is the only country he knows and the only country he loves, his loyalty being of that type that is proven by his actions rather than by words. His splendid business success is the legitimate fruitage of hard and consecutive effort, directed and controlled not only by good judgment but also by correct moral principles. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of the city with whose interests he is identified, and is considered a progressive and enterprising business man.

Raymond N. Pretsch, of Youngstown, is an engineer by profession and training, has had much to do with both the sales and construction ends of several industrial corporations, and developed a large and prosperous business known as the Builders Steel Products Company, of which he is proprietor. Mr. Pretsch was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1886, a son of one of the two children of John J. and Elizabeth (Meister) Pretsch. His parents are still living in Philadelphia, where Mr. Pretsch was reared and received a public school education. In 1906 he entered the University of Pennsylvania where he pursued a technical course and graduated as civil engineer in 1910.

For the past ten years all his work has involved some branch of the engineering profession. For one year he was employed in building construction for the Bell Telephone Company. He then opened a branch office at Scranton, Pennsylvania, for George H. Walters & Company of Philadelphia, selling their structural and ornamental products. Mr. Pretsch in September, 1912, became sales engineer for the Berger Manufacturing Company of Canton, Ohio. His home has been at Youngstown since May, 1914. He came to this city as sales engineer of the fireproofing department of the General Fireproofing Company. In 1917 he was made assistant sales manager of the corporation.

He resigned September 1, 1919, to become an agent handling the products of the General Fire Proofing Company, and to do that more effectively he organized the Builders' Steel Products Company, and at the same time established a branch office at Akron. Through this company Mr. Pretsch now handles the general trade over a large territory of the fire proofing products of the General Fire Proofing Company, also the re-enforcing bars of the Concrete Steel Company of New York, and various miscellaneous products used in steel construction.

Mr. Pretsch is a member of the Engineers Club, the Builders' Exchange, the Youngstown Credit Men's Association, is a republican voter and is affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church. May 14, 1915, he married Mabel Barrie, of Canton, Ohio. They have one daughter, Marjorie Barrie.

George Carl Warnock, M. D., began the practice of medicine at Youngstown in 1912, some years after his brother Fred J. had located in the city as a lawyer. The Warnocks are a family that have long been identified with Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, and while Doctor Warnock is the only one in the medical profession, several of his brothers have earned success as railroad men, in the law and in public affairs..

George Carl Warnock was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1883, a son of Hugh H. and Mary Jane (Rose) Warnock. His father was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a painting contractor at New Castle until his business was swept away in the panic of 1873. Later he farmed east of New Castle and died in January, 1896. He

was a son of Hugh Warnock, who was a native of the North of Ireland. Mary J. (Rose) Warnock, a resident of New Castle, is a daughter of Isaac P. Rose, who was a western plainsman and a companion of Kit Carson in many Indian campaigns. Finally returning east he spent many years as a teacher in Western Pennsylvania.

Doctor Warnock graduated from the New Castle public schools, attended Westminster College in Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1911 from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. As his people were in only modest circumstances, he had to depend upon his own efforts to secure his higher education. Three years of teaching in the country gave him at least part of the money that enabled him to go to college and through medical school. For one year he was resident physician in the Shenango Valley Hospital at New Castle and also has taken further training in the Post-Graduate School in New York. During his general practice at Youngstown since 1912 he has earned a reputation as a well qualified and a skillful and hard-working physician. He is a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is affiliated with Western Star Lodge of Masons and is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 1914 he married Miss Laura Mills, daughter of William G. Mills of Gault, Ontario.

Charles F. DuChanois. Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort will inevitably result in the attaining of a due measure of success, but in following out the career of one who has gained success by his own efforts there comes into view the intrinsic individuality which made such accomplishment possible, and thus there is granted an objective incentive and inspiration, while at the same time there is enkindled a feeling of respect and admiration. The qualities which have made Charles F. DuChanois one of the prominent and successful men of Youngstown have also brought him the esteem of his fellow men, for his career has been one of well directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods.

Charles F. DuChanois is a native of the city now honored by his citizenship, having been born at the parental home on Wood Street in 1884. His parents, Frank and Sarah Ann DuChanois, came to Youngstown from Frenchtown, Pennsylvania, which, as might be inferred from its name, was largely peopled by French and their descendants. The father of Frank DuChanois, who was a Frenchman by nativity, was a sculptor and artist by profession and became a resident of Frenchtown. Frank DuChanois was connected with the Dingledy Lumber Company for the long period of thirty-five years, or from the time they started in the lumber business. Then for a long time he was engaged in farming on the Applegate farm, which is located on the Hubbard road. Later he moved back to Youngstown and for a time was connected with Henry Reno in the meat business on Phelps Street. His death occurred in April, 1914, at the age of sixty-one years, and his wife died on January 1, 1917, at the same age. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and she of the Lutheran. They became the parents of five children, of whom four are living, namely: Pearl, whose death occurred at the same time as her mother's, when thirty-one years of age; Maude, Catharine, Joseph and Charles.

Charles H. DuChanois received his education in the schools at Crab Creek, near where the family were living during his school years. When seventeen years of age he obtained employment in the electrical department of the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company, where he remained three years. He then began experimenting with magnetos, to which work he devoted all his money and a year's time, and following this he devoted himself to the studying of batteries. As a result of his research work he has developed some very valuable inventions, which are extensively used all over the United States. His first business venture on his own account was as a dealer in batteries, carrying his stock in a barn at No. 128 West Wood Street. From that modest beginning Mr. DuChanois has enjoyed a steady and constant growth in patronage, and eventually he was enabled to purchase the place where he is now located, No. 663 Bryson Street, which is 80 by 280 feet in size. Here he has had erected a building adapted especially to his requirements, and which contains a fully equipped machine shop and every facility for the prompt and satisfactory handling of every sort of repair work that may be brought to him. He keeps constantly employed from twelve to fifteen skilled machinists and electricians, and his shop is widely known as one of the most complete automobile repair shops in the Mahoning Valley. Mr. DuChanois makes a specialty of handling the Willard storage batteries and the Detroit and Rausch & Lang electric cars. Mr. DuChanois' brother Joseph is associated with him in the business. Mr. DuChanois is a member of Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He takes an intelligent interest in public affairs and has consistently given his support to every worthy movement for the benefit of the people. A man of clean and upright character and fine personal qualities, he enjoys an enviable standing in the community, where practically his entire life has been passed.

John J. Weitz. The gentleman whose name heads this paragraph is widely known as one of the honored citizens and successful business men of Youngstown. He has lived here for nearly three decades and for nearly that long has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of the community. His well-directed efforts in the practical affairs of life, his capable management of his business interests and his sound judgment have brought to him prosperity, and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished by any man of energy and ambition who is not afraid to work and has the perseverance to continue his labors in the face of any discouragements which may seem to arise. In all the relations of life he has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought into contact and a biographical com-

pendium of his community would not be complete without a record of his career.

John J. Weitz was born in Hubbard, Trumbull County, Ohio, on July 17, 1867, and is the son of John J., Sr., and Catharine Weitz, both of whom were born in Germany and came to the United States when young, settling in Hubbard. His real start in business was at Clinton, Ohio. He was killed by a railroad engine at Liberty Crossing while driving cattle, in 1881, when fifty-five years of age. He was a butcher and an extensive dealer in cattle and was successful in his business affairs. He was survived by his widow, who died in 1911, when eighty-six years of age. They were faithful members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Hubbard. They became the parents of a large family, of whom the youngest is deceased, and Margaret died at the age of twenty-six years. John J. is the immediate subject of this review; Mary E. is the wife of John S. Birk, of Youngstown; Rose is the widow of John Powers, who, in the capacity of confidential man, was associated with McKelvey's for years; Joseph was for a number of years manager of the Morris Packing Company's interests in Youngstown; William, who is in the meat business in Hubbard, Ohio; Lawrence, was associated with his brother William until his death February 29, 1920; J. P. is a stock dealer; Annie F., who is the wife of Frank Kohl, of Massillon, Ohio; Kate is the wife of Michael Pigott, of Seattle, Washington.

John J. Weitz, Jr., received his educational training in St. Patrick's Parochial School at Hubbard and then completed his studies in the Hubbard High School. He was reared in close touch with the meat business and early learned every detail connected with it from his father, who was one of the most prominent butchers in his section of the country. In 1892 the subject came to Youngstown and established a meat market at No. 239 North Avenue, later moving the business to No. 206 West Rayen Avenue, where he is still located, and where during the years since he became first established here he has not only ably met the wants of his patrons, but at the same time has retained their confidence and esteem because of the eminently fair treatment they have ever received at his hands. In addition to the handling of cattle for the meat trade, Mr. Weitz has also given considerable attention to horses, of which he has handled many thousands. Also he has recently become the local representative of the National Motor Company and has a garage in the rear of his meat market, where he gives active attention to the automobile trade, in which he has been successful, as he is in all his transactions.

On November 23, 1901, Mr. Weitz was married to Nellie C. Holway, the daughter of Robert Holway. They are faithful members of St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Weitz's chief characteristics seem to be keenness of perception, a tireless energy, honesty of purpose and motive and every-day common sense. He has been successful in business, respected in social life and as a neighbor he has discharged his duties in a manner becoming a liberal-minded, intelligent citizen of the state.

George M. McKelvey. Among the successful, self-made men of the past generation in Ohio whose efforts and influence contributed to the material upbuilding of their respective communities the late George M. McKelvey, president of the G. M. McKelvey Company of Youngstown, occupied a conspicuous place. Being ambitious from the first, but surrounded by none too favorable circumstances, his early youth was not especially promising, but, resolutely facing the future, he gradually surmounted the difficulties in his way and in the course of time rose to a prominent position in the commercial circles of his community, besides winning the confidence and esteem of those with whom he came into contact, either in a business or social way, so that for years he stood as a representative citizen of the locality of which this history treats. Strongly in contrast with the humble surroundings of his early youth was the brilliant position which he eventually filled in business circles. He realized early that there is a purpose in life and that there is no honor not founded on accomplishment. His life and labors were worthy because they contributed to a proper understanding of life and its problems. There were in him sterling traits which commanded uniform confidence and regard, and his memory is today honored by all who knew him and is enshrined in the hearts of his many friends.

George McCartney McKelvey, whose death occurred at Youngstown on December 24, 1905, was born at Armagh, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on August 17, 1849, the son of James McKelvey. He was born amid humble surroundings, his early opportunities being meager, but he was ambitious and took eager advantage of such educational facilities as were provided by the common schools. After undergoing the necessary examination he was given a teacher's certificate and for several years thereafter he alternately taught school and farmed. Having relations in Youngstown, Ohio, he came here in 1869, and in partnership with his cousin, Lawson McKelvey, embarked in the general mercantile business at the corner of Oak Hill and Mahoning avenues. Later he operated on his own account what was known as the Red Hot Cash Store on West Federal Street, and it was about this time that he displayed the keen business qualifications that characterized his after life. For some time he conducted a store at Hubbard, Ohio, known as the Hubbard Store Company, but in 1882 he returned to Youngstown, and in association with Messrs. Andrews, Cochran, William J. Hitchcock and George J. Margarum, bought the mercantile establishment of the E. M. McGillen Company. The new organization became G. M. McKelvey & Company, a copartnership, which was successful from the beginning and soon became one of the most important mercantile concerns in the city, as it became, still later, of the state. In 1901 the concern was incorporated as The G. M. McKelvey Company, of which he was chosen president, holding that position up to the time of his death. Prior to its incorporation he had been the general manager.

It can be said of Mr. McKelvey that he was a striking example of that comparatively small class of men who find their proper spheres in life. He

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loved his work and threw into it all his energies. He was in the fullest sense of the word a progressive, virile, self-made American citizen, thoroughly in harmony with the spirit of the advanced age in which he lived. He made good use of his opportunities, and prospered from year to year, conducting all business matters carefully and systematically, and in all his acts displaying an aptitude for successful management. He did not confine his efforts solely to mercantile pursuits. He helped to organize the Commercial National Bank, of which he became president on the death of C. H. Andrews, and continued as such until his death. He was also one of the organizers of the Standard Oilcloth Company, now the Standard Textile Products Company, of which he was a director and the chairman of the executive board. He was vice president of the Youngstown Iron and Steel Roofing Company, of the Mahoning Foundry and Machine Company, and of the Edwin Bell Company, now of Pittsburgh. Unquestionably his greatest success was in the development of the great store bearing his name into a model department store, of which he was justifiably proud.

Politically Mr. McKelvey was a stanch adherent of the republican party and his religious membership was with the Tabernacle United Presbyterian Church. He was an appreciative member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he had attained the degree of a Knight Templar.

In September, 1876, George M. McKelvey was married to Leah M. Brownlee, of Struthers, Ohio, and to them were born five children, namely: Letitia, who married and has three children; Lucius B., who is the only male descendant of his father; Katherine, the wife of Charles F. Owsley; Gertrude, the wife of George Jones; and Florence, the wife of George Clegg. Mr. McKelvey's character was one of signal exaltation and purity of purpose. His character was the positive expression of a strong nature and his strength was as the number of his days. He lived and labored to worthy ends, and as one of the sterling citizens and representative men of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley his memory merits a tribute of honor on the pages of history.

Lucius B. McKelvey was born on October 5, 1879, at Hubbard, Ohio, but has lived in Youngstown since early childhood. After completing the public school course he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, where he made a special study of mining engineering. Thereafter for two years he was engaged in mining in Idaho, but in 1903, owing to his father's failing health, he returned to Youngstown and assisted him in looking after his various business interests, particularly of the G. M. McKelvey Company. He became president of this company in February, 1917, and still fills that position. He is a worthy successor of his father and has easily taken his place among the leaders of business in this community. He is a man of impressive personality, broad of mental ken and possesses the characteristics which ever beget esteem, confidence and friendship.

On June 28, 1905, Lucius B. McKelvey was married to Blanche McConnell, of Salem, Ohio, and to them have been born four children, George M., Jane, Leah Margaret and William B. Mrs. McKelvey is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. McKelvey is a member of the Youngstown Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Emery L. McKelvey, vice president and general manager of the G. M. McKelvey Company, was born at Dilltown, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on September 27, 1866, and is a son of Nathaniel W. and Mary (Peters) McKelvey, the former of whom was a half-brother of George M. McKelvey. The family moved to Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1871, and here the father followed farming. During the Civil war he served in the Union army, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of that conflict. To him and his wife were born eight children, all sons.

Emery L. McKelvey received his educational training in the public schools of Youngstown. His first employment was in a clerical capacity with Andrews Brothers & Company at Hazelton and later with the Morse Bridge Company at that place. In 1885 he came to Youngstown and has since been engaged here in mercantile pursuits, in which he has been rewarded with a satisfactory measure of success. He is now a director, vice president and general manager of the G. M. McKelvey Company, a director of the New York Realty Company, which is capitalized at $100,000, and a director of the Wheeler Mineral Springs Company. For a number of years prior to the reorganization Mr. E. L. McKelvey served as secretary-treasurer of the G. M. McKelvey Company.

On September 13, 1893, Mr. McKelvey was married to Emma Vogan, of Grove City, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of three children, Mary Louise, the wife of Thomas J. Bray, Jr., of Youngstown, with the Republic Iron & Steel Company, of which his father, Thomas J. Bray, is president; Jane and Barbara. Fraternally Mr. McKelvey is a member of the Masonic Order, in which he has attained the degree of a Royal Arch Mason, and is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club. Because of his sterling traits of character and his genial disposition he commands the confidence and good will of all who know him. He is public spirited and gives his support to all movements for the betterment of the community.

Herman C. Holstein. It is a well authenticated fact that success comes as a result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a course of action when once decided upon. She is never known to bestow her largesses upon the indolent and ambitionless, and only those who seek her untiringly are recipients of her blessings. In tracing the history of the influential business man and representative citizen whose name introduces this sketch, it is plainly seen that the prosperity which he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities and it is also his personal worth that has gained for him the high esteem of those who know him.

Herman C. Holstein is a native of the old Buck-

eye state, having been born in the City of Akron on the 7th day of July, 1876, and he is the son of Nathan and Ida (Kalmus) Holstein. Nathan Holstein was born in Hungary on December 10, 1845, and lived there until eighteen years old, when he immigrated to the United States. He knew something of cigar making and his first business venture after arriving in this country was to engage in cigar making, he having formed a partnership under the name of Holstein & Goldberger Cigar Company. They made good cigars and were prospered in their business, which grew to extensive proportions. In 1881 they were giving employment to about fifty people, but in that year they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and greatly increased their output, giving employment to from 150 to 200 persons. They continued in business there for many years, their plant being located at No. 123 Water Street, Cleveland. Nathan Holstein, who is now seventy-five years of age, has retired from active business, though he is still a large holder of property interests, including a large tobacco farm near Dayton, Ohio. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 2, 1920, and it was an occasion of great pleasure to his large circle of friends. To him and his wife were born five children, four sons and a daughter, all of whom are living, namely: Alex is engaged in business at Lima, Ohio; Charles who lives in Dayton and who has acquired a wide reputation as a concert violinist, studied under the best teachers in America, and then went to Europe, completing his studies at Budapest and at Vienna under the great virtuoso, Yean Hubay; Herman C. is the next in order of birth; Sidney is a manufacturer of women's wearing apparel at Cleveland, Ohio; and the daughter, Gertrude, is the wife of Dr. U. M. Bachman, of Cleveland, who entered the United States service during the recent war, took special training for war work at Baltimore, Maryland, and organized a field hospital and saw much active service on the battle fields of France. So prominent did he become because of the character of his services that he was called to the Peace Conference in Paris by President Wilson, and only just recently has he returned to America. Nathan Holstein has always taken a prominent part in church and charitable work and is a leader among his people, being an active and influential member of the Hungarian Jewish Society and other organizations.

Herman C. Holstein received a good practical education in the public schools of Cleveland, to which city the family had moved in his childhood. He learned to make cigars in his father's factory, but later turned his attention to other lines of business. For a number of years he was on the road as a traveling salesman for Bloch & Company of Pittsburgh, covering Pennsylvania and Ohio. He was frequently in Youngstown, and at that time made up his mind to locate here eventually. On August 26, 1909, he formed a partnership with Abraham Freed, and they engaged in business as outfitters of men, women and children at No. 323 East Federal Street, Youngstown. So successful were they in that enterprise that in 1914 they opened "The Fair" store at 205 East Federal, and but recently opened still another store of the same character, known as "The Famous," located at No. 233 Federal Street. The first store, which is known as "The Old Reliable," demonstrated the capacity and commercial ability of the new firm, and, though they started into business with but moderate resources, they soon acquired a high reputation for honorable business methods and commanded good credit, the result being not only a large and steady growth in trade, but also an enviable standing as an enterprising and progressive business firm.

On October 26, 1905, Mr. Holstein was married to Helen Belle Freed, the daughter of H. Freed, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and to them have been born two children, Marvin, deceased, and Charles, who was born on December 6, 1913.

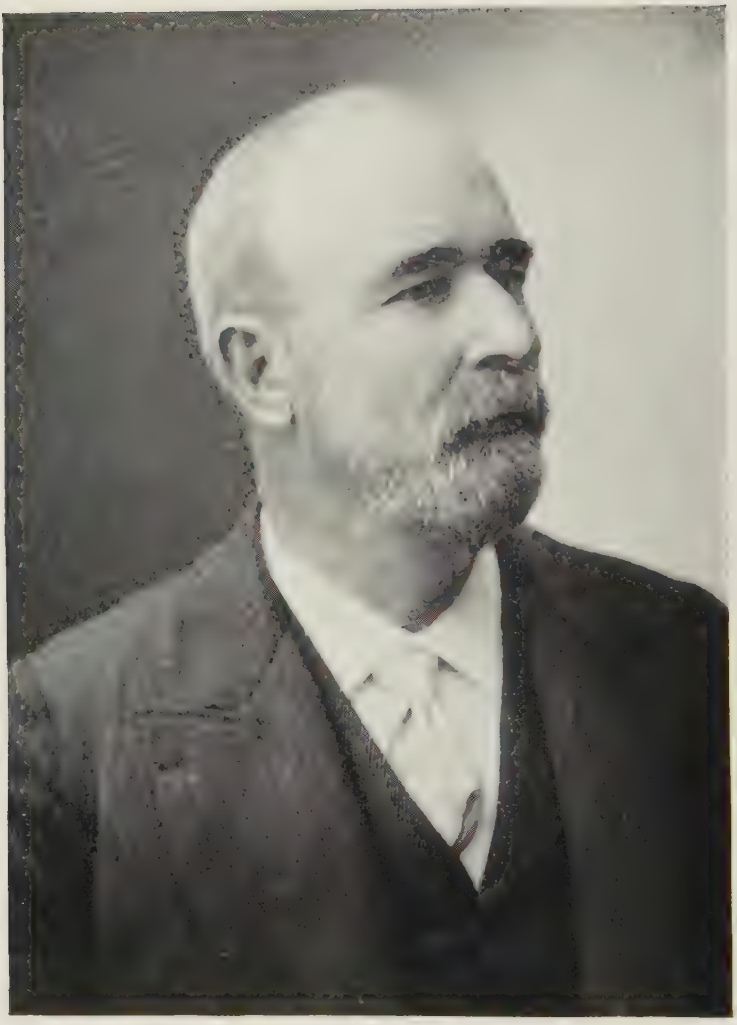
Mr. Holstein has taken a very active part in church affairs. In every phase of life's activities in which he has engaged he has faithfully performed his part and is therefore worthy of the confidence and regard reposed in him by all who knew him.

Rev. Francis Kozelek. Consecrated to the noble calling to which he is giving his best efforts, Rev. Francis Kozelek, who has charge of Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Youngstown, has led a busy and useful life, and his work has been blessed to the advancement of God's kingdom. A son of Aloys and Marianna Kozelek, he was born December 12, 1872, in Beneschau District, Ratibor, now belonging to Czecho-Slovania, where he spent his childhood days.

When Francis Kozelek was six years old his father, who was a stone mason by trade, moved with his family to Vitkovice, Moravia, where the lad acquired his early education, attending the public schools from 1878 until 1886. The ensuing eight years he continued his studies at the Diocesan College in Kromeriz. Desirous of fitting himself for the priesthood, he studied theology at Olomuc four years, and in 1898 was ordained as a priest by Right Reverend Theodore Kohn, archbishop, being one of a class of seventy-two to be invested with priestly orders. For nine years thereafter Father Kozelek served as a priest in his native land, residing in that part of the country that had been taken by Prussia, strong efforts at that period being made to Germanize it, but it now belongs to Czecho-Slovania.

In 1907 Bishop Kondelka was sent across the Atlantic by Right Reverend Bishop Horstman to find priests willing to come to America to minister to the spiritual needs of their countrymen. Responding to the call, Father Kozelek volunteered his services, and on his arrival in the United States was settled in Lorain, Ohio, where he had charge of Holy Trinity Church from February 1, 1908, until July 14, 1915. He was well repaid for his labors in that vicinity, the church under his care growing to a congregation of 200 families.

Coming from Lorain to Youngstown, Father Kozelek has been equally successful in his pastoral work, the church of which he now has charge having made rapid growth, at least 500 families being represented in its congregation. During his pastorate in this city he has not only endeared himself to his own people, but to those outside of his own de-



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nomination, the community with which he is identified holding him in high respect.

WILLIAM JAMES HITCHCOCK. The conditions under which industrial and commercial enterprises of magnitude are prosecuted in this age of phenomenal advancement in all lines of human activity demand men who are forceful and of strong potentiality, courage and judgment. Numbered among such representatives in the personnel of the successful business men identified with the material and civic progress of the commonwealth of Ohio during the past generation was the late William James Hitchcock, of the City of Youngstown. Invulnerable integrity and high purpose characterized his life, and he left an indelible impress upon the annals of the community honored by his residence, and upon his record there rests no shadow or blemish. His strength was as the number of his days, and not only did he accomplish much in connection with the practical affairs of life, but his nature, strong and vigorous, found denotement in kindly tolerance and human sympathy, generous deeds and worthy service. His long and active career was one of close and fruitful identification with business interests of great magnitude, in which he gained marked prestige. Measured by its accomplishment, its beneficence and its helpful optimism, the life of Mr. Hitchcock had wide and emphatic significance.

William James Hitchcock was born in Granville, New York, May 16, 1829, and was a son of Warren Ferris and Almira Willoughby (Adams) Hitchcock. The family is of English origin, whence they came to America in 1635 and established homes in New England, where, generally speaking, they established themselves in agricultural pursuits. About the year 1785, having received grants of land in Western New York, members of the family located there and became well and favorably known. Among these was Warren Ferris Hitchcock, who served as sheriff of Washington County. There also was born the immediate subject of this sketch. William James Hitchcock was reared on the farm of an uncle, where he remained until, while yet in his teens, he went west as far as Cleveland, where he supplemented the scholastic training which he already had received at Kingsbury, New York. Later he spent a winter at Buffalo, and then went to Detroit, where he learned the trade of a machinist. Then, returning east as far as Pittsburgh, he found employment as bookkeeper for the predecessors of the present firm of McIntosh, Hemphill & Company. Later he was sent by his employers to New Castle, Pennsylvania, as receiver's agent for an iron mill. In 1859 he became associated with C. H. Andrews at Youngstown, Ohio, in the mining of block coal. Their first operation was at the Thorn Hill Mine, and later they operated the Burnett Coal Company at Hubbard. Eventually in order to utilize their own production of coal, they engaged in the blast furnace business and in 1869 completed their No. 1 blast furnace at Hubbard, and in 1873 their No. 2 furnace. In January, 1892, their furnaces were incorporated as the Andrews & Hitchcock Iron Company. Previous to this, about 1880, they had begun using coke in their blast furnaces in conjunction with their block coal mined at Hubbard. Eventually their furnaces were remodeled so that coke alone was used. Mr. Hitchcock was president of the Andrews & Hitchcock Iron Company from its organization. The principal members of this corporation enjoyed an unusually harmonious career, founded on mutual respect and trust, and were exceptionally prosperous in their business affairs. Each in his way was a leader, not a follower, in that transitory period of industrial and commercial development in this section of the country. They branched out in other avenues and became interested in various public utilities. Mr. Hitchcock became interested in the Foster Coal Company, the G. M. McKelvey mercantile establishment, was a director of the Commercial National Bank and was interested in many other enterprises. His life was a busy and successful one, and the record is eminently worthy of perusal by the student who would learn the intrinsic essence of individuality and its influence in moulding a successful career.

With all his business activities, with their multitudinous details and constant demands on his time, Mr. Hitchcock never ceased being a student. He was an omnivorous reader, a deep thinker and a keen observer of men and things, so that he was generally recognized as a man of unusually wide and accurate information. When St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church was organized he was one of the charter members and for years thereafter served as a vestryman. In politics he was a republican, but his life was otherwise too fully occupied to accept office, he being content to religiously exercise the right of franchise. He particularly took a keen interest in the improvement of the city of Youngstown and vicinity. Although straightforward and unostentatious, and a man who delighted in keeping the even tenor of his way so far as was consistent with good citizenship, he made his influence felt among those with whom he mingled, for his was a strong personality. There were in him sterling traits which commanded uniform confidence and regard, and his memory is today honored by all who knew him and is enshrined in the hearts of his friends. He died on November 18, 1899, honored and respected for his many sterling qualities.

While living in New Castle, Pennsylvania, on November 9, 1858, Mr. Hitchcock was married to Mary Johnson Peebles, who survived him, her death occurring on January 1, 1907. They became the parents of five children, namely: Almira, who became the wife of Myron I. Arms; Frank; William James, Jr.; Mary Peebles, the widow of George D. Wick, and Robert Peebles, who died in infancy.

Frank Hitchcock, the oldest son, was born on May 24, 1862, and has always resided in Youngstown. After completing the public school course he attended Adams Academy at Quincy, Massachusetts, and Harvard College. He was connected with his father's enterprises in a business way, and at the latter's death he succeeded him as president of the Andrews & Hitchcock Iron Company, continuing to serve as such until the business was disposed of to the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company in 1916. Since that time he has confined his attention to his private business interests.

On June 2, 1896, Frank Hitchcock was married to Bertha Rockwell Coles, of Utica, New York, and the three children born to this union are, Katherine, born October 5, 1897, the widow of Capt. Francis R. McCook, who lost his life in the Argonne Forest of France, in the war with Germany; Frances, born on September 19, 1899, and Bertha, born on July 21, 1906. Mr. Hitchcock is a republican in politics, a vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church, and a member of the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club. He is a director of the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings and Trust Company.

William J. Hitchcock, Jr., was born on July 19, 1864, and completed his education at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and Williston Seminary at East Hampton, Massachusetts, spending two years at the latter institution. His life work has been in connection with the commercial activities inaugurated by his father. For several years he was manager of the furnaces at Hubbard, but of late years he has given his attention to the many ramifications of business with which his people have been connected. He is a republican in his political views, an Episcopalian in his religious belief and, socially, is identified with the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Union Club of Cleveland.

Mr. Hitchcock was married in 1903 to Grace Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, and they are the parents of two sons, William J., III, and John Paul.

Charles T. Gaither. Well versed in the mechanical arts, and a pioneer in the automobile business, Charles T. Gaither, of Youngstown, is distinguished as having designed and built the first automobile made in the city, and about the third manufactured in the United States. A native of Ohio, he was born March 24, 1869, in Zanesville, a son of Thomas and Algeo Gaither. His father, who worked for many years as a machinist at the Tod Plant, was born in Maryland, while his mother was a native of Ohio.

Acquiring his rudimentary education in the public schools of Warren, Ohio, Charles T. Gaither began work in the office of the Vindicator when fifteen years of age, having charge of the engines, machinery and presses. When the Fredonia Company was organized for the purpose of manufacturing automobiles, he resigned his position with the Vindicator to become designer for that firm, with which he was associated from first to last. In 1902, in the great endurance race from New York to Boston and return, Mr. Gaither, with a Fredonia car, was one of the seventy-two entries for the test. Eight of the automobilists made the trip and return, five of them winning a perfect record, Mr. Gaither being one of the five.

A pioneer in the automobile business, Mr. Gaither built the first garage erected in Youngstown, it having been located at the corner of Belmont Avenue and Wood Street. In 1907, at the corner of Arlington Street and Belmont Avenue, he built his place of business and is now engaged in business at 793 Wick Avenue, its management having met with undoubted success. Mr. Gaither has probably sold more cars, and a greater variety, than any other dealer in the city, having handled the Reo, Rambler, Maxwell, White, Oldsmobile, Oakland and Peerless. At the present time he is carrying on a substantial business, selling both the Reo and the Peerless.

Mr. Gaither married in 1912 Miss Clyde Hassan. Fraternally he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of all of the automobile clubs of the city.

Markham B. and Clifton W. Miller, proprietors of the Hippodrome Theatre and The H. L. McElroy Company, are properly numbered among the alert and sound business men of Youngstown, whose phenomenal success is stable and the legitimate outcome of a succession of shrewd and honorable operations which have resulted in the establishment and development of their firm. Their interest in Youngstown dates from January, 1905, and each year since then has seen it considerably augmented.

Both brothers are natives of Kentucky, the former having been born at Cynthiana, in the heart of the Blue Grass country, on January 28, 1872, and the latter at Covington, just across the Ohio River from the more pretentious city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 20, 1874. Their father, Rev. Charles W. Miller, was a Methodist clergyman who married Virginia Markham. Like other Methodist preachers, he was sent to various stations in his conference, and at these his sons were born. Unfortunately he died when his boys were small and they were compelled to secure employment at an early age.

However both were ambitious and Markham B. Miller matriculated at the Kentucky State College and was graduated therefrom with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He started on his business career as a clerk in a furniture store in his native town, and at the termination of five years had acquired an interest in the business. In the meanwhile Clifton W., when thirteen years old, became a clerk in a clothing house at $5.00 per week. Previously he had taken special lessons in accounting. Later he became a clerk in the same house as his brother, and for a number of years following his leaving that concern, lived at Pullman and Chicago, Illinois, where he was engaged in a diversified line of business, clerking for a number of establishments, handling real estate, selling typewriter attachments, and being on the road as a commercial traveler. After twelve years he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and joined his brother Markham B. Miller in establishing a chain of stores. The Miller Brothers in this way bought the McElroy Company at Youngstown in January, 1905. In January, 1907, the Callahan Building, in which the business was housed, and the Ewers Building adjoining were destroyed by fire. The day following, Miller Brothers bought the interests of the Guthman Brothers Furniture Company, and on the second day business was resumed. A part of the land where the firm operates was in 1872 rented by De Loma Callahan and used as a livery stable. Mr. Callahan was urged to buy the property, which he finally did for $5,000, payment being made in cash, mules and horses. This property is now valued at nearly $600,000. By actual purchases and long time leases the Millers now have a total of 25,000 square

feet of ground space extending from Federal to Commerce streets. As their business expanded improvements were made to meet their requirements. An arcade was constructed through from street to street, and here, in addition to their own extensive establishment, stores and offices were leased so that in this arcade are to be found almost every conceivable kind of merchandise. At this time the Hippodrome Company was organized, and the Hippodrome Theatre was built. This theatre, one of the best in Ohio, has a seating capacity of 2,000, and possesses the Youngstown exclusive rights of the B. F. Keith's circuit. Markham B. Miller located permanently at Youngstown in 1912, and Clifton W. Miller, the year following.

These brothers have done much in various ways toward building up Youngstown and achieved notable results for its permanent good. Each one has become identified with the various organizations which make for good citizenship. Markham B. Miller belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Youngstown Country Club, the Poland Country Club, the Elks Club and the Chamber of Commerce. His wife to whom he was united on April 17, 1905, was formerly Miss Minnie Good, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Clifton W. Miller belongs to the Youngstown Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1895 he was married to Miss Mabel Blann, of Chicago, Illinois, and their three sons are: Clifton W., Jr., Harry M. and Charles M. The eldest, named for his father, was a student at Rayen High School when the United States entered the World war. He joined a local cavalry organization which was merged into a field artillery organization. After a season in camp he was sent abroad on the "Victoria," which was torpedoed en route by an enemy submarine. A depth bomb judiciously dropped destroyed the submarine, the wound of the "Victoria" was temporarily mended, and the troops were safely landed on French soil. Young Miller, among other actions, participated in the famous Saint Mihiel salient engagement, which proved to be the beginning of the end of the war. He later, until the signing of the Armistice, was an instructor on gas uses in the war. Clifton W. Miller, Sr., was particularly active in Youngstown in a non-combatant way, serving as a member of the American Protective League, private police, private detective, deputy sheriff and in the various drives to raise funds for the prosecution of the war. Both brothers have earned and maintain a reputation for sense and honor, and their personal popularity has given them no inconsiderable influence in their community and a place in its affairs to which their business abilities and public-spirited endeavors entitle them, without the shadow of a doubt.

Josiah Walter Slater. There has been a good deal of variety to the business career of Josiah Walter Slater. He was in the factory of the Winfield Manufacturing Company for a number of years, later was a merchant, was in the newspaper business, and more recently has taken a spirited part in the wonderful development of Warren as treasurer of the William Coale Development Company.

His father was the late John H. Slater, a native of Pennsylvania, who served through two enlistments as a Union soldier. He was first in a Pennsylvania regiment, and afterward joined an Ohio regiment at Conneaut. After the war and his honorable discharge he located at Niles, Ohio, and in 1870 moved his family to Warren, where he lived until his death. His wife was Lomary Partridge, a native of Ohio, and still living, residing in Warren.

Josiah W. Slater was born at Niles, August 5, 1870, and two months later was brought to Warren, which has been his home for half a century. He was educated in the public schools here, and at the age of sixteen went to work in the Winfield Manufacturing Company's plant and for about thirteen years was employed at the bench. He then retired and invested a modest capital in the retail grocery business and left that in 1903 to become circulation manager for the Warren Chronicle. He proved a valuable man in this difficult field, and in 1906 he was made traveling representative for the Cleveland Press. Mr. Slater gave up newspaper work in 1916 to become manager of the Trumbull Realty Company of Warren, and when that was incorporated as the William Coale Development Company he was elected treasurer. He is a member of the Warren Real Estate Board.

Mr. Slater has passed all the chairs in Mahoning Lodge No. 29 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of Warren Council No. 222 of the United Commercial Travelers. He is active in the Boy Scout Council, a member of the Second Christian Church, and is president of the Men's Club of that church. Mr. Slater married Elizabeth Parks, daughter of the late Samuel and Ann Parks. They have two children: Virgil E., now a resident of Cleveland, and Zelma R.

Leslie Clayton Wright. Mr. Wright for a period of years was a traveling salesman over Northeastern Ohio, and when he finally cast anchor in a permanent business he chose the city of Warren, where during the past five years he has built up a very successful real estate business.

He is of New England ancestry, his family on both sides being of English descent and residents of Vermont for several generations. His father, Elias H. Wright, was a native of Vermont and tilled a farm on its rugged hills throughout his active career. He died in the fall of 1914. The mother, Frances (Hendrix) Wright, was also born in Vermont and is still living.

Leslie Clayton Wright was born at West Jay, Vermont, August 17, 1873, and acquired a public school education. When he left home he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and for five years as clerk in a store acquired a good fundamental knowledge of business. When he left New England he began traveling over the territory of Northeastern Ohio as salesman for the G. F. Harvey Drug Company of Saratoga, New York, and represented that house for nine years. He then transferred his services to The Zemmer Drug Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and covered the same Ohio territory for that firm until August, 1913. At that date he left the road and engaged in the real estate business in

Warren, with offices in the Western Reserve Building. His home is at 33 Washington Avenue. Mr. Wright is an active member of the Warren Real Estate Board, the Board of Trade, the United Commercial Travelers, the Cleveland Traveling Men's Association and is a prominent Mason, his affiliations being with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Chapter 66, Royal Arch Masons, Council No. 58, Royal and Select Masters, and Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar. He and his family are members of the Central Christian Church.

He married Miss Emma Rice, of Warren, daughter of Lucas and Mary Rice. They have four young sons, Philip Leslie, Gordon Rice, Leslie Clayton, Jr., and Robert Hendrix Wright.

Warren P. Williamson. The advent of the Williamson family at Youngstown dates back to 1798, when Joseph Williamson came from Washington County, Pennsylvania, by wagon to the present site of Youngstown. He built a log cabin on land now occupied by the public school building at the corner of Erie Street and Dollison Avenue. After he had erected this cabin he returned to Pennsylvania for his wife, Elizabeth, and brought her back to the new home he had prepared for her on what was then the frontier of civilization. Here he was engaged in farming and working at his trade of blacksmithing until his death, which took place in 1827. He was a man who possessed the confidence of his neighbors in marked degree, papers still in existence proving that he was oftentimes chosen by them to act as executor of estates and general counsellor and advisor for the community. His two children probably survived him, one of them being Pyatt Williamson.

Pyatt Williamson was born in the log cabin in Youngstown in 1801, and practically followed in the footsteps of his father in occupational and neighborly relationships. In due course of time he married Anna Knox, and they had six children. He and his wife were charter members of the old Christian Church, which they helped to organize. The first church edifice, which they assisted through generous contributions in erecting, stood on the present site of the Diamond Block. Pyatt Williamson, like his father, was made executor of many estates, and this fact speaks for itself as to his standing. His children grew up, married, and their descendants, many of them, are now living in this same community. Among these children was Joseph Williamson.

Joseph Williamson was born on July 31, 1827, and that same year marked the death of his grandfather, for whom he was named. He was not born in the old log cabin, however, but in a new house which had been erected about 100 yards from the old cabin. There he grew up and when old enough served an apprenticeship at the carpenter trade. He worked at carpentering, and a number of the buildings on which he was engaged are still standing, are in good repair and in use. One brother, Horace, lived here all his life, dying when eighty-four years of age, in April, 1919. Another brother, Isaac Williamson, lived on a part of the old farm, which is now South Avenue, Youngstown, and died when eighty years old.

Joseph Williamson married Belinda A. Detchon in 1856, and they had three children, namely: Warren P., and Mary B. and Martha B., twins. All of his life Joseph Williamson was engaged in farming and carpentering, and he died in July, 1912. His widow survives him, although now (1920) eighty-five years old. They, too, were devout members of the Christian Church. The Williamsons were all the way through honest, law-abiding, industrious and church-going people.

Warren P. Williamson was born on the old farm which his great-grandfather acquired in 1798, on October 4, 1858. He, like his immediate progenitors, grew up on that farm. As a boy he attended the public schools, milked cows, cleaned stables, swung the cradle and flailed out the grain. He attended a commercial school at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and for three years worked with his father at carpentering, and then was bookkeeper for O. P. Shaffer. Still later he became bookkeeper and cashier of the News, and later, in February, 1882, secured employment in sweeping out the office and keeping the books of the Youngstown Carriage & Wagon Company. He was successively advanced from this position through others until he became general manager of the company, and held it until the concern was sold to the Ohio Hotel Company in 1911. Mr. Williamson then organized the Youngstown Carriage Company, of which he is general manager and treasurer. He is a republican in politics and has served one term in the City Council and one term as trustee of the water works. He is a Knight Templar, York Rite and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and belongs to the Mystic Shrine, Odd Fellows and the Elks.

On December 31, 1890, Mr. Williamson was united in marriage with Mary M. Thompson, a daughter of Dallas J. Thompson, and they are the parents of two sons, namely: Joseph Dallas and Warren P., Jr. Both these boys were in the great war. Joseph D. enlisting in the aerial department of the Coast Artillery, and Warren P., Jr., in the radio department, of which he was a sergeant and master radio electrician.

Floyd Perry Johnson is one of the younger business men of Warren, where he is proprietor of the Johnson Electric Company, one of the two principal concerns of the kind in Warren, which business has felt the stimulus and impetus of the energies and personal skill of Mr. Johnson, and has grown rapidly within the past three or four years.

Mr. Johnson was born at Vermilion, Ohio, September 10, 1887, son of Frank M. and De Etta (Hewitt) Johnson. His parents are still living, as are also both of his grandmothers. In the earlier generations the family name was spelled Johnston. Mr. Johnson's grandfather, John Johnson, was an early settler around Vermilion, and for many years was a farmer. De Etta Hewitt was born in Camden Township of Lorain County, and was only an infant when her father died. Frank M. Johnson for a number of years was engaged in the fishery industry in Lake Erie, with home at Vermilion, and in later

W. P. Williamson

years has operated a retail grocery store at Conneaut, where he and his wife still reside.

Floyd Perry Johnson was four years of age when his parents moved to Conneaut and he grew up and remained at home to the age of twenty-one. He attended the common schools, but while in the eighth grade he left school to go to work. Later he realized the need of a better education, and earned the money for his college career by practical work as an electrician. For one year he was a student in the scientific course at Defiance College and spent another year in special studies in the Ohio State University. He put his knowledge of the electrical trade into practice at Columbus for a year after leaving the State University, and then returned to Conneaut. Mr. Johnson came to Warren in December, 1916, and bought the "Light Shop" from George Phelps. He changed the name to the Johnson Electric Company and has actively directed its affairs. The business has more than doubled in volume and in importance during the last three years.

Mr. Johnson has achieved his own success in life, depending on his own efforts to advance him step by step. He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade and is affiliated with Independence Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Christian Church.

September 20, 1909, he married Miss Lena Cheeseman, daughter of L. D. and Deborah (Sherman) Cheeseman, of Conneaut. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Louise, born December 29, 1912; and Ruth, born August 16, 1914.

Frank Ensign Rose. Few families have impressed their business energies and civic activities more prominently upon Trumbull County than the Roses. The family has lived in this section of the Western Reserve more than a century. Representing the third generation, Frank Rose has had an active career as a farmer, business man and public official, he having served as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners until he resigned from that board in August, 1920. Mr. Rose was born on the home farm in Mecca Township, Trumbull County, on December 26, 1869, the son of Thomas H. and Josephine G. (Gridley) Rose. His grandfather, Jonathan Rose, was a native of Pennsylvania and of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and founded the family in Trumbull County. The land which he took up and developed in Mecca Township was not sold out of the family until 1913. Jonathan Rose married Anna Craft, a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and also of Dutch ancestry.

The late Thomas H. Rose was born in the same house as his son Frank E. in 1842, and died at Warren in 1907. For many years he was the most extensive cheese and milk operator in Northern Ohio. At one time he operated fifteen cheese factories and creameries, the product of which was sold all over Trumbull, Mahoning, Portage and Ashtabula counties. For all his extensive business cares he gave much of his time to public affairs, serving three full terms as county commissioner of Trumbull County. His wife, Josephine G. Gridley, was born in Mecca Township and died in 1905, at the age of sixty years. Her grandfather, Albert Gridley, was a native of Massachusetts and was also a pioneer of Trumbull County.

Frank E. Rose spent much of his early life in the country in Mecca Township. He attended district schools, also the Cortland High School, and for many years was in active association with his father, especially in operating the home farm. His home has been at Warren since 1905. On moving to the county seat he engaged in the livery and transfer business, and is still interested in real estate and in the buying and selling of heavy draft horses.

Mr. Rose is most widely known for his official record. He was elected sheriff of Trumbull County and reelected, serving four years in that office. Before he retired from the position of sheriff he was elected county commissioner, and was twice re-elected. Mr. Rose is affiliated with Cortland Lodge of Masons, Warren Lodge of Elks, and is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Warren.

He married Miss Mabel C. Christy, daughter of James and Frances (Forward) Christy, of Brookfield Township, Trumbull County. They have a family of three children: Frances Rose, born in 1903, Thomas, born in 1905, and Hazel, born in 1908.

William Perry Beal, president and general manager of the Warren Home Building Company, and president and general manager of the Warren Home Development Company, both of which concerns he assisted in organizing, and both of which have been, and are still, important factors in the growth of this city, is a product of the Mahoning Valley, where he has spent his entire life.

Mr. Beal was born in Austintown Township, Mahoning County, on April 28, 1880, and is descended from two old Mahoning Valley families. His grandfather, William Beal, was a native of Trumbull County, and his father, Hiram Beal, was born in Lordstown Township, Trumbull County. Hiram Beal spent the greater part of his life engaged in farming in Lordstown and North Jackson townships, Mahoning County, and after retirement in 1909, removed to Warren, where he died on March 16, 1910, at the age of sixty-five.

Mr. Beal's mother, Florence Drake, was born in Weathersfield, Trumbull County, the daughter of Perry Drake, who was also born in Weathersfield Township, and was the son of Robert Drake, a pioneer blacksmith of the valley. Mrs. Beal died on the family homestead in North Jackson on November 10, 1908, at the age of sixty-one.

The early days of William P. Beal were passed on the home farm, which he left in 1909 to come to Warren. He was engaged in contract building for about five years on his own account, and then, in 1916, he organized and incorporated the Warren Home Building Company, of which he is now president and general manager. In 1919 he organized and incorporated the Warren Home Development Company, of which he is also president and general manager. He is also financially interested in the Builders Hardware Company.

Mr. Beal was one of the organizers of the Warren Builders Exchange, and is its vice president. He is a member of the Warren Real Estate Board

and a member of the Warren Board of Trade, and is active and prominent in civic and social life. He is a member of the First Christian Church, as is also Mrs. Beal. Mr. Beal is also a director of the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Beal married Millie S., daughter of Frank S. Sullivan, of Bristol, Ohio.

Christopher Deibel was born in the Rhine country of Germany on December 20, 1831, and died at Youngstown, Ohio on December 4, 1918. He was reared to early manhood in his native country, obtained a fair practical education and learned the stone mason trade. He was expected to register for military service when old enough, but when on his way to do this he received such brutal and inconsiderate treatment from an army officer that his ideas were changed and he determined to leave his native land and seek his fortunes in America. Already four of his brohers had come to the United States, and undoubtedly this fact strengthened his determination to make this country his future home.

In 1850 he set sail for the United States, and upon his arrival here came west to Massillon, Ohio, where he worked at his trade. Here he was married to Anna Gauff. From Massillon he came to Youngstown and engaged in contracting. About the first work in this line accorded to him was for Chauncey Andrews. Mr. Deibel built many of the furnaces, business blocks, churches and other structures which are still standing, and he became identified with various other matters. Not only was he one of the organizers of the Home Savings & Loan Company, but he was its first president and had much to do with its early development. He was one of the founders of Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, and was an active member of it until his death, and he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Becoming interested in real estate, he acquired considerable property. He worked hard, was frugal and industrious and accumulated a comfortable competency, and considerable of this he distributed among his children. In his later life he gave up active contracting and engaged in the life insurance business, and was the first agent of the New York Life Insurance Company at Youngstown. This business which he founded is now carried on by his son Edward J. He and his wife had born to them the following children: Ernest C., Oscar G., Edward J., Clara A., now Mrs. C. P. Venus, Christopher W., all of whom are living, and Catherine, who became the wife of Martin A. Keifer; Amelia, who became the wife of Dr. J. B. Kotheimer; Alban, O., Elmer and William, all of whom are deceased. The mother of this family died in 1909. The predominant characteristic of Christopher Deibel was his strict observance of all honorable conventions. He was the soul of honor. He made friends readily and people esteemed him for his many loveable qualities. While devout in his religious convictions, he was not narrow in his associations. He took an active part in all that seemed best for the general good of the community. While of German birth, he was thoroughly American in all that the name implies. A grandson of his, Oscar Kotheimer, lost his life in France while serving in the great war. The passing of Christopher Deibel removed from the community one of the best of the old-time citizens.

Ernest C. Deibel married Miss Elizabeth Renner, and they have one daughter, Helen, and reside at Akron, Ohio.

Oscar G. Deibel was born on March 9, 1865, and like his brothers was reared at Youngstown. For thirty-eight years he was engaged in the wholesale and retail handling of druggists' supplies, but is now connected with the New York Life Insurance Company. He married Louisa Hoffman in 1886, and they have a family of ten children, four of whom survive, namely: Fred H., Esther, now Mrs. Donald H. Gordon, Isabel and Marcella. Mr. Deibel is a republican in politics. Both by inheritance and conviction he is a Catholic, and is a lifelong member of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. He belongs to the Poland Country Club.

Christopher W. Deibel, who bears the name of his honored father, is still an active force in the business life of Youngstown. He was born in this city May 7, 1874, and was educated in both the public and parochial schools.

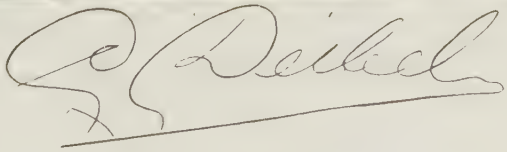
For twenty years he was a merchant tailor. But he is best known for his theatrical ventures, and was one of the pioneer operators of moving picture shows in Youngstown. He named his first theater, a small place seating 186 people, the Dome. He had four successive theaters, each named Dome. The present theater of that name was begun by Mr. Deibel in 1912.

His most notable contribution, however, to the amusement resources of Youngstown came with the organization by him in February, 1918, of the corporation which established and built the Liberty Theater, at 202 West Federal Street. Fifty years earlier his father on the same site built the old Excelsior Block, which was razed by his son to make room for the Liberty Theater. Not only Mr. Deibel but the entire community take pride in the Liberty. It is not excelled by any other theater of its size in the United States in the matter of attractive equipment, comfort and bookings. It has a seating capacity of 1,800 people.

Mr. Deibel is a business man of many congenial qualities and is well known socially. He is a lover of the game of golf. During seven of the last ten years he has carried off the championship honors at the Youngstown Country Club. He is also a member of the Youngstown Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Deibel married Miss Elizabeth Gallagher, daughter of John Gallagher. He is very happy in his family and has five children, three daughters and two sons: John, generally known as Jack, Dorothy, Ella, Rosemary and Christopher, Jr. An interesting feature of the family history is that three Christopher Deibels have lived in Youngstown. The second of the name was born forty years after the birth of the first, while the youngest was born forty years after the birth of the second.

Sherman H. De Groodt. Contracting has been the chief business of the De Groodt family for



many years, and Sherman H. De Groodt of Youngstown has the organization, the equipment and the personnel which he has directed as a successful business for street paving, sewer work and other municipal construction. He is one of the leading contractors of this kind in the Mahoning Valley.

He was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1870, a son of Chester R. and Mary E. (Howe) De Groodt and a grandson of Cornelius De Groodt, who was one of the pioneers of Conneautville, Pennsylvania. Chester R. De Groodt was born in Crawford County in 1842, and as a young man volunteered his services for the Union army. He nearly realized his ambition for the experience of a soldier, being near the front when he was sent home on account of a bad arm. He took up contracting, and for several years followed the construction of the Lake Shore Railroad. He also lived at Coalburg in Trumbull County, and for twenty years had a home on Himrod Avenue in Youngstown. His principal business in Youngstown was as a teaming contractor, moving buildings and doing other heavy work in that line. He died in 1911 and his wife died at the age of fifty-eight. They were members of the Trinity Methodist Church. Of their six children, two sons and four daughters, Sherman H. is the only one living in Youngstown. His only brother, Henry C., recently lost his life in an accident.

Sherman De Groodt acquired his early education in the Wood Street School at Youngstown, and at the age of nineteen began taking contracts for street and sewer work. In 1890 he put down the second paving in Ashtabula, Ohio. His business as a street and sewer contractor has had a wide range, and has included work in Niles, Warren, Girard and other points. He laid the first paving at Conneaut, Ohio, put in the sewer around the Central Square at Youngstown and from West Lake Crossing to Brier Hill and also the Market Street sewer. Mr. De Groodt for a number of years has given employment to a large force of men and as a contractor he is well known for his reliability.

In 1898 he married Miss Marie Perry, who was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William B. Perry. Mr. and Mrs. De Groodt are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, is a member of the Youngstown Builders Exchange, and is a republican voter, though he has friends in both parties.

Charles Henry Woodworth. While for several years engaged in a busy practice as a lawyer at Warren, Mr. Woodworth's early life was spent in technical industries. He had a technical education, and for ten years was in the service of the General Electric Company at Warren.

He was born at North East in Erie County, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1883, son of Rev. Watson W. and Josephine (Holridge) Woodworth. The Woodworth family for several generations lived in Cattaraugus County, New York, where his grandparents, Madison and Lydia Woodworth, were born. The maternal grandparents were Enoch and Sarah (Mabye) Holridge, of New York State. Josephine Holridge was born at Randolph, New York, and is now living at Jamestown in that state. Rev. Watson W. Woodworth was born in Western New York, and after his marriage studied for the ministry and spent his active life as a member of the Erie Conference of the Methodist Church. He died at Randolph, New York, in 1883, in his thirty-seventh year.

Charles Henry Woodworth was reared by his widowed mother, and from his ninth year lived in Jamestown, New York, where he completed his early education in the high school and later spent one year in the Mercerburg Academy of Pennsylvania. He took a technical course for two years in the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, and from that institution entered the employ of the General Electric Company in that city. This company in 1907 sent him to Warren, where he remained as chemist and foreman of the local works for ten years. While thus employed Mr. Woodworth was making diligent use of his leisure time in the study of law, and upon admission to the Ohio bar on January 1, 1917, opened his office and began practice. Besides a general practice he is secretary of the Trumbull Realty & Investment Company.

Mr. Woodworth is affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church; is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, and is a member of the Trumbull Bar Association and the Warren Board of Trade.

He married Miss Harriet Rhuman, of Carrollton, Ohio. Their one daughter, Janet Ruth, was born February 27, 1915.

John Edward Farrell's business career for the fifteen years since he left the Rayen High School has been steadily identified with the Republic Iron and Steel Company, in which he is now chief of the Employment Bureau. This is an office requiring a great knowledge of the human side of the big industry, and his keen and thorough appreciation of men and his ready judgment and executive tact mean a great deal to the successful working of a corporation employing as the Republic Company does such large bodies of both skilled and unskilled labor.

Mr. Farrell was born at Youngstown December 24, 1886, and was one of the twelve children of John Edward and Ella (Young) Farrell. His parents were both born at Lisbon, Ohio. His father for many years was a locomotive engineer with the Erie Railroad. His mother was a daughter of William Young, who for a long period was cashier of the Firestone Bank of Lisbon.

John E. Farrell, Jr., grew up in Youngstown and has spent all his life in this city. He is a graduate of the Rayen High School with the class of 1904, and this training he has since supplemented with a general correspondence course in the LaSalle Extension University of Chicago. His first regular employment on leaving high school was as time clerk for the Republic Iron & Steel Company. From time keeper he was promoted to chief time keeper of the Mahoning Valley works of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and later was paymaster

and chief clerk in the same works. Since January, 1914, he has been chief of the Employment Bureau.

Mr. Farrell is a member of the Evergreen Presbyterian Church, is present master of Hillman Lodge No. 481, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Youngstown Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons. Politically he is a republican. October 28, 1915, he married Miss Florence Wagner, daughter of Edward G. and Emma (Baumeister) Wagner, of Youngstown.

Frank Vogelberger. The work that served to mark out Frank Vogelberger's career in the Youngstown district is easily identified in a long and imposing list of homes and other building construction which has been performed by his personal organization. Mr. Vogelberger is one of the older and very prominent building contractors of the Mahoning Valley.

He was born in a picturesque spot, the Vogelberger homestead overlooking Lanterman's Falls, near Youngstown. His birth occurred June 27, 1873. His parents were John and Eva (Gerst) Vogelberger. John Vogelberger was a native of Germany and grew up as a farmer. Coming to the United States when a young man he successfullly combined for many years the vocation of farming with working in the coal mines at Mount Nebo and Fulda in Noble County, Ohio. He married in Noble County, where his wife was born, and after marriage he established his home overlooking the historic Lanterman's Falls. At this homestead all their children were born and he and his wife spent their last years in that locality. He and a brother operated a mill at Lanterman's Falls for a time. Though born in another country John Vogelberger signalized his devotion to the United States by volunteering to preserve the Union when the Civil war came on. He died in 1901, at the age of eighty-one. He was always active in local matters affecting schools, churches and the general good. He was a charter member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and helped erect the church building. His wife died in 1905, at the age of fifty-three. Of their eight children six are living, besides Frank, their names being Philip, John, Joseph, Katherine, the wife of Joseph Smith, and Gallas. The two deceased are Anna and Mary, who were children less than ten years of age at the time of their deaths. The third oldest son, Joseph Vogelberger, is widely known on account of his valued service as street superintendent of the City of Youngstown for eight years.

Frank Vogelberger acquired a good education in the public schools of Fosterville and in the St. Joseph parochial school, and at the age of seventeen began learning the carpenter's trade with Heller Brothers. He was with that firm as a journeyman worker and in other capacities for over thirteen years, and the latter part of the time acted as superintendent for much of the building business performed by Heller Brothers on the north side of Youngstown. For a part of the time he was also associated with his brother. Mr. Vogelberger then engaged in business for himself, and the quality of his work can best be indicated by a brief enumeration of some of the more important buildings erected by him, which include the residences of W. A. Thomas, John A. Logan, Dr. A. M. Clark, A. E. Adams, Charles Wick, D. F. Anderson, Mose Frankle, Wilford Arms, Philip Wick, Robert Bentley, Porter Pollock, and E. L. Brown. Besides these might be noted the Knights of Columbus Building and the Moose Temple, both of which were erected by the Vogelbergers organization, and finished the Auditorium in the Butler Art Gallery, a very commendable piece of work. Mr. Vogelberger is affiliated with the Elks and the Moose and is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. His country home is at Boardman.

May 30, 1901, he married Albertine Beil, daughter of John Beil. Her father was a pioneer of the Foreign Exchange banking business at Youngstown. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vogelberger: Edna, Coletta, Frank, Albertine, Clarence, Raymond and Richard Pershing. The youngest was born on the hour of the day that marked the armistice in the World's war.

Melville W. Cobbledick, chief electrician of the Youngstown district for the Republic Iron and Steel Company, was born at Andover, Ohio, April 7, 1877. His father, the Rev. Henry A. Cobbledick, of English nativity, came to the United States in 1869. After completing an excellent scholastic training at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, he entered upon the preparation for his ministerial work, and in time became a Methodist clergyman of note, traveling about as his conference dictated. The Reverend Cobbledick married Martha A. Broughton, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Melville W. Cobbledick, the younger of their two children, received splendid educational advantages in his youth, attending school in the various places in which his father was engaged in his ministerial work, and completed his training at the celebrated Case School of Applied Sciences, Cleveland, and graduated from the electrical engineering course with the class of 1898. Following this important epoch in his early life's history Mr. Cobbledick entered the service of the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown and remained with the company until 1901, in the meantime having risen to the position of mill or turn foreman. From 1901 until 1904 he was the turn foreman for the Sharon Steel Company, and for a few years following was employed in that capacity by several other concerns at various places, and in 1907 entered upon a connection with the Republic Iron and Steel Company which has continued to the present time. When he first became associated with the company it contained only the Bessemer and Brown-Bonnell works, and when the tube works and open hearth departments were built Mr. Cobbledick was made the chief electrician of the Brown-Bonnell plant. In March, 1914, he became chief electrician of the Youngstown district, an office he has ever since filled. He is a member of the association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers and of the Youngstown Engineers Club, has membership in the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, is a

Frank Vogelberger

member of the Masonic fraternity, is a Methodist in his religious affiliation, and politically gives his support to the republican party.

On the 21st of August, 1901, Mr. Cobbledick was married to Edith L. Benjamin, of Kingsville, Ohio, and they have had three children, Meville Robert, Clara Louise and Herbert, but the last named is deceased.

JOHN MCVEAN. It was a notable record of service that the late John McVean, who died at Youngstown, honored and respected, April 22, 1919, made with the old Brown-Bonnell Company or Valley Mills at Youngstown. He was with that institution more than fifty years. His principal connection was as a contractor, much of the time in handling pig iron.

His death occurred at the age of seventy-one, after a long and busy life, filled with achievement on his own part. It was also the great satisfaction of his later years that his sons had attained positions of honor and trust in various spheres of business and professional affairs.

John McVean was born in Canada March 7, 1848, son of Donald and Catherine (McGregor) McVean. His father was born in Edinburg, Scotland, and his mother was of a Highland Scotch family. They came to Canada about 1845, and settled in Youngstown in 1862. Donald McVean, who was a farmer, died at Youngstown in 1879, while his wife passed away at the age of fifty-four. Several of their children besides John became permanently established in the Mahoning Valley.

John McVean acquired his early education in Canada and Youngstown, but a year after his parents settled here, in 1863, he went to work in the Brown-Bonnell Rolling Mill. He was then only fifteen years of age, and his employment brought him in the course of time a thorough knowledge of the iron industry. Later he became a contractor for the company, and for many years had a large force of men under him. While he understood how to get results from his employes, it was noteworthy that he seldom had any disagreement or strikes to mar his management. Mr. McVean in later years employed part of his ample resources to follow a hobby as a stock farmer. He developed a fine farm, known as the Pleasant View Stock Farm, in Coitsville Township. Some of his fine dairy cattle were prize winners at fairs and exhibitions.

He was also president of the Buckeye Supply Company from the time of its incorporation, was interested in the Gillen-McVean Company, undertakers and furniture dealers, and supplied financial and personal counsel to a number of other local enterprises. He was quite active in democrat politics, though frequently an independent voter, and for many years with his family was affiliated with the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and served as a member of its council.

September 21, 1874, he married Miss Mary Jane Raleigh, a native of Rome, New York, and daughter of Richard and Margaret (Smith) Raleigh. Her father was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and her mother in Canada. In 1867 Richard Raleigh moved to Kansas, and was killed by the Indians on the frontier. His widow played a noble part in rearing her five young children and in giving them educational and other advantages.

Mrs. McVean died May 16, 1910. She and her husband were the parents of twelve children. The nine still living are Margaret, who married Dr. J. P. Kenney, Jessie, John, Mary, Donald, Raymond, Joseph, Ruth and Edward. Three of the sons were in the United States service during the World war. Joseph I. McVean was with the Forty-seventh United States Infantry in the Fourth Division, spending eight months overseas and was in the great battle of the Argonne. Raymond, who was in training as an officer at the Great Lakes Naval Training Camp at Chicago, is a Chicago attorney in charge of the Chicago district business for the Corporation and Guaranty Trust Company. The son Donald A. is secretary and treasurer of the Gillen-McVean Company, undertakers, furniture and real estate at Youngstown. John A., formerly a chemist with the Republic Iron and Steel Company, is now a physician at Cleveland.

Edward A. McVean attended the Immaculate Conception Parochial School and graduated from the Rayen High School in 1916. He became a member of the Three Hundred Eightieth Infantry, but was transferred to the Three Hundred Fifty-ninth Machine Gun Battalion and was in training at Camp Sherman from September, 1918. He now has charge of the Buckeye Supply Company's branch at Kyle Corners.

SHALOR H. HEDGES, purchasing agent for the Republic Iron and Steel Company at Youngstown, has been practically the architect of his own success, the force which has made him so well qualified for the position he now holds. Youngstown has been his home during the past nine years, but he has been connected with the iron and steel industry during a much longer period.

Mr. Hedges is descended from Connecticut ancestors, and was born at Middletown in that state on the 14th of November, 1876, his parents being Shalor W. and Sarah (Taylor) Hedges. On the maternal side he is a great-grandson of Colonel Taylor, who served under Washington in the war for independence. Shalor W. Hedges is yet living, a machinist by occupation, and for about half a century he has been associated with the W. & B. Douglass Pump Works of Middletown. He is also an honored veteran of the Civil war struggle.

Shalor H. Hedges, his son, spent the early years of his life in the town of his birth and graduated from its high school in 1895. Immediately afterward he became a salesman for a Boston wholesale clothing establishment, later going to Central Kansas and engaging in the real estate and farm loan business, and in 1900, returning East, he became associated with the American Bridge Company at East Berlin, Connecticut, as assistant store keeper, which marks the beginning of his identification with the iron and steel industry. Later on he was made cost clerk in the general offices of the company at Philadelphia, and from there went with the corporation to Pittsburg and became a clerk in the purchasing department of the Pressed Steel Car Com-

pany in 1904. Mr. Hedges in time became the buyer for that large corporation, and in 1911 entered the services of the Republic Iron and Steel Company at Pittsburg as the assistant to C. I. Sterritt, who was at that time serving as the company's purchasing agent. Mr. Hedges succeeded Mr. Sterritt in that office on the 1st of August, 1919, and is still the incumbent. On the 11th of August, 1911, he became a resident of Youngstown, and has since been prominently identified with its interests. He is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, and he is also affiliated with the Automobile Club, the Masonic Order and the Elks.

Mr. Hedges married Florence Putnam, a daughter of Harrison Putnam, a relative of Gen. Israel Putnam of Revolutionary war fame. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges were married on the 17th of June, 1898, and three children have been born to them, Elizabeth, Henry and Kathryn. The family are members of the Baptist Church.

Edward H. Turner, president of the Turner Contracting Company, spent ten years as an assistant engineer with the City Engineering Department. As an independent contractor his organization has handled work much in evidence both in Youngstown and surrounding localities. One of the largest contracts now being fulfilled is laying the Mill Creek Park sewer. They have a complete organization and all the facilities for doing paving, street construction and sewer contracting.

Mr. Turner, head of the firm, was born at Youngstown in 1882. His father, E. H. Turner, Sr., was born at Minersville, Pennsylvania, seventy-five years ago and has been a resident of Youngstown fifty-five years. A shoemaker by trade, he was for many years in the shoe business, and has also been a well known figure in local politics. At one time he held the post of tax commissioner. He is also an honored veteran of the Civil war, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Elks and is a member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died in Youngstown in January 1903, at the age of fifty-five.

Edward H. Turner first attended the Central School, graduated from the Rayen High School, and for several years was a diligent student of civil engineering, and had many practical opportunities to learn his profession while assistant to Mr. F. M. Lillie, Youngstown's city engineer. After ten years with that department Mr. Turner engaged in contracting and has been in that business for twelve years. His company has done much street contracting. They have utilized concrete, asphalt and brick in street construction. The firm also built a warehouse and did much paving at McDonald. Mr. Turner and his associates have always pursued a sound and fair policy in the treatment of their labor, and largely on that account they have been able to carry out their contracts in specified time and get results.

Mr. Turner married, in 1903, Miss Grace Schiller, daughter of Dr. Silas Schiller. They have three sons, Jack, Ted and Dean. Mr. Turner is affiliated with the Masons and Elks, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Youngstown Builders Exchange.

Martin Lobinger, whose position as a resident of Youngstown is easily identified by his extensive work as a building contractor, performed during the last twenty years, is an earnest and broad-minded American citizen devoted to the institutions of this country because here he found his chance in life and by hard work and honest industry has deserved well of his fellow men.

Martin Lobinger was born in Germany in 1873, son of Conrad and Catherine Lobinger. His father died in 1886. He received only a common school education in Germany, and while there served an apprenticeship as a stone and brick mason. He came to the United States and first saw Youngstown at the age of nineteen. The next year, in 1893, he attended the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and then worked at his trade in various parts of the United States. Mr. Lobinger arrived in the United States with only three German pennies. It is evidence of his immediate thrift and his ability to earn a living that he still has two of those pennies. While working at his trade he was a constant student of many technical subjects connected with building, and his later success as an independent business man has been due not only to his individual skill but to a broad and comprehensive knowledge of his business. For several years he was employed by the old Youngstown builder, Henry Niedermeier. In 1902 he began taking contracts and since then there has been no important interval in which his personal management and all the resources of his organization have not been busy. He has erected schools, churches, business structures and residences all over this part of the Mahoning Valley. He put up the Moose Legion Club House on Milton Lake, and recently completed the Moose Hall in Youngstown and also built the South Side Bank. With Joseph Wilhelm, Mr. Lobinger organized the Youngstown Cut Stone Company, and that company has facilities to fill all kinds of stone contracts except granite.

Mr. Lobinger married in 1902 Annie Marie Hillis, a daughter of Jacob Hillis and a native of Germany. Her people came to the United States when she was a child. To their marriage were born three children, Alfred, Annie and Irma. The family are members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Lobinger has always been dutiful in casting his vote, but almost entirely as an independent. He is a member of the Builders' Exchange and the Loyal Order of Moose, but is primarily a home man, most of his vacations being spent outdoors in fishing and hunting.

John A. Sieferts is a building contractor, examples of whose work can be found in most of the states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He comes of a family of builders and contractors and the Sieferts have long been a group of honorable and highly successful business men of Youngstown.

Mr. Sieferts was born on Marshall Street in this city May 16, 1868, son of Frank and Frances Sieferts, natives of Germany, but reared from childhood in Youngstown. Frank Sieferts was a son of Fabian

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Sieferts, who left Germany to escape the military form of government and to better his and his family's condition. Frank Sieferts, who died in 1897, at the age of fifty-eight, was a Union soldier during the Civil war, from 1861 to 1865, and among other experiences was with Sherman on the march to the sea. At the close of the war he returned to Youngstown and engaged in the business of contracting, and thereafter was associated with many undertakings and improvements in this city. He was liberal in his contributions to charities and church, reared a large family, and for all his energy and success he died a poor man. He married Frances Siebold, who died in 1918, at the age of seventy-six. Of their thirteen children nine are still living: Frank, a builder at Cleveland; Louise, wife of Frank Hammond, a builder at Medina, New York; Charles B., of Youngstown, another member of the family identified with building and construction work; John A., better known among his friends as Jack; Emma, a graduate of St. Anne's and Charity hospitals at Cleveland, and a trained nurse; Joseph E., a carpenter and contractor; Mary, wife of Harry Smith, a member of the police department of Youngstown; Anna B., wife of Michael Casey, a machinist at Brier Hill; and Susie, at home. Two other children, Caroline and Albert, died in infancy. The son, Theodore, died at the age of twenty-eight, and Agnes, at thirty-three, as the wife of Oliver Oliver, at New York City.

John A. Sieferts received his early education in the Brier Hill School. From school he went to work with his father as a carpenter and during two winters was employed in the Witch Hazel mines. He then engaged in the contracting business for himself, and during the past quarter of a century has handled an immense volume of business. Much of his work might be found in New York City, Long Island and Andover, Massachusetts. Other contracts might be mentioned in the far West. For nine years he had his headquarters in Cleveland. Many residences attest his enterprise in Youngstown. One of them is the handsome home of Harry Hamilton, which he both designed and built.

Mr. Sieferts married in 1894 Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of James Barnes of Cleveland. He and his family are members of St. Anne's Church, his parents having been members of St. Joseph's. Mr. Sieferts is a republican in politics.

Stephen Colucci is a retired contractor of Youngstown, was one of the first Italian residents of the district, and his career has been of far more than ordinary achievement, experience and results.

He was born September 17, 1849, in the province of Avelino, a mountainous section of Southern Italy near Naples and within sight of Mount Vesuvius. His people were cheese makers. He attended school in Italy, and in 1872 came to the United States, landing in New York after a long and tiresome voyage. He was brought to Youngstown in the spring of 1873. A labor contractor was the means of his locating in Youngstown. This contractor was employing labor to take the place of strikers in the Youngstown district. However, Mr. Colucci was not aware until some time later that he had performed the service of a strike-breaker. In those days he was willing to do any class of labor to get a start. For sixteen years he worked in and around mines. As one of the early Italians in the valley and possessing other qualifications therefor he naturally became a leader among his people.

After his years in the mines he was employed by Dan Monahan, a contractor, in the capacity of foreman, and within a few years began taking contracts on his own account. At first these were small jobs requiring a very modest outlay of capital and equipment. Later he did street work, and finally had an organization competent to handle heavy and extensive contracts. The character and value of some of the work performed by his organization may be indicated by a few definite instances. He built the suburban line from Sharon to Youngstown and to Sharpsville, from Sharpsville to Wheatland, from Newcastle to Herbert, and the Park and Falls line from the Diamond to the Park. In his active years he built miles and miles of streets in Youngstown and put down many miles of sewerage.

There are many circumstances that make his American career noteworthy. On reaching this country he was unable to speak a word of English. He had talent in mastering the language, however, and within six months of his arrival in Youngstown he was called upon to act as interpreter in a court case. He was also very poor, without the knowledge or capital to make his services available except as a common laborer. The success of his undertakings may be estimated from the few facts above considered. By hard and constant work he has amassed not only money, but a reputation for ability and square dealing, and is a man of fine intelligence and is robustly American in all his ideas. His influence has been steadily directed for a complete Americanization of all his fellow countrymen. Mr. Colucci helped build the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and has been active in religious and educational work among the Italians of the city.

Before coming to this country he had married Frances Agnon. After getting established here he sent for his wife, who joined him in 1873. They have five living children: Andrew, a contractor in Youngstown; James, Joseph and Antonio, all in the contracting business; and Ada, wife of Alfonse Sepe, of Youngstown. All are members of the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After obtaining his naturalization papers Mr. Colucci cast his first American vote in 1874, and is believed to have been the first Italian voter in Youngstown.

Fred E. Kling. As chief engineer for the Youngstown District of the Carnegie Steel Company, Fred E. Kling, of Youngstown, has been prominent in developing and promoting the usefulness of the various works with which he is actively identified, and through the plans which he has originated has acquired an extended reputation for superior skill and ability in his adopted profession. A native of Germany, he was born March 19, 1878, in Westhofen, a son of Ernest and Lina Kling.

As a boy and youth Fred E. Kling attended school in two towns, Steele and Wetter. He subsequently served an apprenticeship of five years at the ma-

chinist's trade, in the meantime attending night school, studying as hard as he worked. Thus prepared for more advanced studies, he entered a technical school in Dortmund, from which he was graduated at the end of two years, receiving his diploma in 1899. Mr. Kling then entered the German Army, and for two years served in the engineering department.

Immigrating to the United States, Mr. Kling located at Youngstown in 1902. Soon after coming here he accepted a position as draftsman in the engineering department of the Ohio Works, and has since been associated with the Carnegie Steel Company, having held various positions in the Ohio Works. In his present capacity as chief engineer of the Youngstown District Mr. Kling has planned and supervised the building of blast furnaces numbers 5 and 6, the 43-inch and 40-inch blooming mills, open hearth and McDonald mills, and has also developed the Dry Gas Cleaner, a much needed improvement that required five years of his time to perfect, and is proving of inestimable value to the steel industry. Mr. Kling's plans to develop this cleaner are being used at the Briar Hill Plant, and two are now in use at the Cambria Plant and two at the Ford Furnaces in Detroit.

Fraternally Mr. Kling is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he likewise is actively associated by membership with the Youngstown Club of Engineers.

James E. Beebe. The Beebe family of Warren has been in America for over 270 years and in the Mahoning Valley for over eighty years. The American ancestor of the family was John Beebe, who came to this country from England in 1650 and settled in the Connecticut Colony. One of his direct descendants, who was Gen. Bezaleel Beebe, of Revolutionary fame, was the great-grandfather of the present generation. General Beebe was born at Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1741, was commissioned captain of a company of Connecticut troops and served in the Connecticut line in the American Revolution. He was promoted to the rank of major, his commission as such being signed by Governor Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut, and it is still one of the valued possessions of the family and now owned by James E. Beebe of Warren. Subsequently he was brevetted brigadier-general.

James Beebe, son of General Beebe, and grandfather of the present generation, was also born at Litchfield, Connecticut, the date of his birth being 1779. He served in the upper house of the Connecticut State Assembly, but later moved to Ohio, and died at Hartford, this state. He married Sarah McEwen, who was a direct descendant of the Scotch Covenanters.

Dr. Robert McEwen Beebe, father of the present generation, was born at Winchester, Connecticut, on April 28, 1811, and died at Hartford, Ohio, on November 16, 1864. He was graduated from Yale University in 1835, and came to Ohio, locating at Andover, Ashtabula County, returning to Connecticut in 1837. That same year he returned to Ohio, intending to resume his practice at Andover, but during his absence another physician had settled there, and, against the protests of many of the residents of that settlement, Doctor Beebe declined to remain, so pushed on further south and located at Hartford, Trumbull County. There he established himself in practice and became one of the leading physicians of all that region, where he spent the remainder of his useful life. He married Hulda Case, who was born at Norfolk, Connecticut. Her father was a member of the Connecticut Legislature at the same time that James Beebe was a member of the Senate.

James Everett Beebe, of Warren, son of Dr. R. M. and Hulda (Case) Beebe, was born at Hartford, Trumbull County, Ohio, on June 2, 1848. He was educated in the schools of Hartford, Farmington and Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1870 he began an apprenticeship in a machine shop at Sharon, Pennsylvania, later becoming identified wtih the iron industry at Sharon. In 1884 Mr. Beebe became interested in the manufacture of furniture and novelties at Union City, Pennsylvania, and in 1899 he came to Warren and organized the Western Reserve Furniture Company, which was incorporated in 1900, with Mr. Beebe as president and general manager, which connections he has since maintained, his company rapidly coming to the front in this important industry. Mr. Beebe has other interests, being president of the Luce Electric Company of Warren, and a stockholder in a number of the leading industrial and financial concerns, including the Peerless Electric Company, the McLuer Lumber Company, the Warren Building & Investment Company and the Union Savings & Trust Company, all of Warren.

In 1904 Mr. Beebe was elected councilman-at-large of Warren, re-elected in 1906, and in 1917 he was again elected for a period of two years. He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade and the Rotary Club and is a booster of the city in every possible way. Well known as a Mason, he belongs to Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Warren Commandery, Knights Templar; is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason; and also belongs to Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Erie, Pennsylvania.

On April 17, 1877, Mr. Beebe was married to Catherine Camp, who was born at Warren, a daughter of Lambert Camp, a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe have an adopted daughter, Mary, who married Howard Luce, president of the Luce Electric Company of Warren.

Mr. Beebe is a man whose strength of will and caliber of brain have carried him to success. A student of politics, he is recognized as an authority on public questions and has rendered his community a much-appreciated service in an official capacity. He is a man with a broad vision and is able to plan for the future development of this region. The grit, determination and enthusiasm he has put into every venture with which he has been associated are remarkable and they have served to raise him above the rank of the ordinary citizen and placed him among the leading representatives of the best class of people the Mahoning Valley has produced.

ERLE LEIGHTON FLAD. Well qualified not only by native talent and acquired knowledge, but by practical training, for the work in which he is actively engaged, Erle Leighton Flad is rendering noteworthy service as superintendent of the slag department of the Ohio Works and as special engineer of the Carnegie Steel Company's plants in the Youngstown District. A son of the late John W. Flad, he was born May 15, 1886, in Easton, Pennsylvania. His father, for many years a representative of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, died in 1903, while yet in the prime of life, having been but forty-five years old at the time of his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Dietrich, is now living with her son Erle, their home being at 128 Park Avenue, Youngstown.

Having laid a solid foundation for his future education in the public schools of Easton, Erle Leighton Flad entered Lafayette College in Easton, and was there graduated as a mining engineer with the class of 1908. Obtaining a position under the Government, he went to the Panama Canal Zone, where he spent nine months, obtaining valuable experience in his chosen work. Returning to the States, he accepted a position as chemist with the American Smelting and Refining Company at Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Coming from there to Youngstown a few months later, Mr. Flad became hot blast man at the blast furnaces of the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company. He was subsequently made assistant superintendent of blast furnaces, and later was promoted to the position of superintendent of the slag department. In 1917, as an appreciation of his valuable service in that position, he was made special engineer, also, of the Youngstown District. In the performance of his multifarious duties Mr. Flad has always proved himself perfectly competent to overcome all difficulties, the results of his work being ever satisfactory to his employers, and to the public as far as it is concerned.

In 1910 Mr. Flad married Isabel Seitz, a daughter of N. Seitz, of Easton, Pennsylvania. She passed to the higher life in 1915, leaving one son, William Seitz Flad. Religiously Mr. Flad is a worthy member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Benevolent and Protecive Order of Elks. He likewise is a member of the Youngstown Engineers, and of the Society of Engineers of Western Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN. A well known and representative citizen of Mahoning County, William Griffin is conspicuously identified with the iron and steel interests of this section of the country, and as superintendent of labor and transportation for the Ohio Works and the McDonald Mills at Youngstown is filling the position with ability and fidelity. A son of James Griffin, he was born August 5, 1866, in Chipping Campden, England, where he grew to man's estate.

James Griffin, a farmer by occupation, spent his entire life of seventy-one years in England, dying in 1896. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth A. Groves, died in 1896 also, being then sixty-six years of age. Their family consisted of seven children, four sons and three daughters. One son, William, of whom we write, and two daughters, Bessie, wife of E. Haines, of Lakewood, Ohio, and Sallie, wife of Newton Summerlan, of Warren, Ohio, came to the United States in 1882, joining friends at Burton, Ohio.

Soon after coming to Ohio William Griffin worked as an errand boy in Burton until finding employment in the Covington and Westlake mills on the rolls. Subsequently as a puddler he worked in the mills at Girard and Warren. While a resident of Warren Mr. Griffin served on the police force under George Predmore, and in that capacity proved himself so efficient that he was elected city marshal of Warren, with command of every precinct of the city. Having made a fine record as a public official he was made a lieutenant in the police force connected with the Ohio Works at Youngstown, serving under Captain Freed, whom he subsequently succeeded, becoming head of the police department, or its captain. A subsequent promotion placed Mr. Griffin in his present important position as superintendent of labor and transportation for the Ohio Works and the McDonald Mills.

Mr. Griffin married Dora J. Hower, a daughter of Emery Hower, and of their union six children have been born, but two of whom are living, Harold L. and Richard W. One son, James, lived but two years; Arthur died at the age of twenty-two years in Pueblo, Colorado; Nellie died when sixteen years of age; and Herbert, who died at Brest, while on his way home from France, served with the Twenty-eighth Division of Infantry, a replacement division, detailed to look after the dead. Harold L. Griffin, now working with his father in the labor and transportation department of the Ohio Works, was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, serving in the supply company of the Thirty-seventh Division, and though he participated in three major engagements, came home safe. Richard W. Griffin is now a student in the South High School.

Religiously Mr. Griffin and family are members of Saint John's Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Griffin belongs to Hillman Lodge, Free and Accepted Order of Masons, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being a member of the lodge at Warren. His attractive home is located at 1762 Mahoning Avenue.

JOHN A. HOUGH. Possessing far more than average executive and financial ability, John A. Hough, of Youngstown, who is also interested to some extent in landscape architecture, is at present connected with one of the more important industries of the city, being president and manager of the Hough Block & Sand Company, which is located on the extension of McHenry Street. A native of New York, he was born in Chemung County in 1869, being the eldest of a family of ten children. His parents, John and Mary (McNamara) Hough, immigrated from County Clare, Ireland, their native place, to the United States when young, and having settled on a farm in Chemung County, New York, are still living on their pleasant homestead, enjoying the comforts of life. They are members of the Roman

Catholic Church, and have reared their children in the same religious faith.

When but sixteen years of age John A. Hough was graduated from the Elmira, New York, High School, and for twelve years thereafter was bookkeeper and financial man for a large packing house, a responsible position for a young man. For seven years thereafter he was engaged in the shoe business at Elmira, New York, and the following four years he spent in Orange County, New York, having charge of a large estate, on which he erected new buildings and supervised many other improvements, adding materially to the beauty and value of the property. The owners of that estate were friends of H. K. Wick, of Youngstown, who persuaded Mr. Hough to come to Youngstown to take charge of the beautifying and improving of the Wick property. Accepting the offer made him, Mr. Hough spent fifteen years in adding to the attractiveness of the Wick estate, laying out walks, gardens and golf grounds, and otherwise adding to its usefulness and beauty.

Giving up his position, Mr. Hough started the Climax Block & Sand Company, which he subsequently sold at an advantage to the Eagle Supply Company. In 1918 he organized the Hough Block & Sand Company, of which he is president and manager, and has now a well-established and constantly increasing business. He has an up-to-date plant, fully equipped with all the necessary machinery and appliances for the manufacture of cement blocks, and for the handling of gravel and sand, nothing having been omitted that would add to its usefulness.

Mr. Hough married, in Elmira, New York, Catherine Madden, a daughter of Patrick and Catherine Madden. Eleven children, five sons and six daughters, have been born of their union, and all are living, a family of which any parents might well be proud. The names of this interesting family are John J., Mary C., Louis, James, Justin, Martina, Daniel, Helen, Sarah, Angela and Anna G. Two of the sons, Louis and James, served in France with the American Expeditionary Forces during the recent World war, and both returned safely home. Mr. Hough and his family are worthy members of Saint Columba's Catholic Church.

David Robbins. Very successful in his realty operations, David Robbins has earned the right to be regarded as one of the representative men of Youngstown by his honorable methods and public-spirited sentiments. He was born near the border of German Poland on September 15, 1884, a son of M. Robbins, who is now a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

When he was only nine years of age David Robbins crossed the ocean by himself to join two brothers who had already come to this country and located at Monongahela City. After reaching his brothers the little lad attended school, and continued to make his home with them until he was old enough to be self-supporting. His first employment was selling real estate for different parties, and in time he was attracted to Youngstown, where he has found ample opportunity to exercise his abilities in this line of business, building up a valuable connection. For some time he worked in conjunction with those who understood the development of additions and subdivisions, and since 1915 has handled a number of very important transactions on his own account. At present he is occupied with developing the Goodridge tract adjoining the Saint Edwards School, which promises to become one of the most desirable residence districts in the city.

Mr. Robbins was united in marriage at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Miss Sadie Goldberg. They are members of the Rodef-Sholem Temple. Mr. Robbins belongs to various Hebrew associations, among them being the B'nai B'rith. He is very charitable, not only to those of his own religious faith, but to anyone in need, and his name is usually to be found opposite a substantial donation whenever any subscription is taken up in Youngstown. The Odd Fellows hold his membership, and value his connection with them. In a business way he belongs to the Real Estate Board.

The business of providing suitable housing accommodation is becoming more and more important, especially in the more congested regions, and those who are engaged in expanding these accommodations are not only showing good financial judgment, but are also carrying on a work that is public-spirited, for without these the growth of any city is necessarily restricted. Outside capital cannot be solicited if there is no hope of affording suitable homes for the additional workmen; conventions will avoid a city in which no place can be made for the entertainment of the visiting delegates; and the general traveling public will suffer if the people are forced to go to the hotels because of a lack of homes, thus occupying the rooms properly belonging to transients. Therefore the work of the energetic real estate man who specializes on developing tracts of land into pleasant and comfortable residence districts becomes of paramount importance, and those engaged in it are recognized as public benefactors. Both as a man and a citizen Mr. Robbins is living up to high standards and he enjoys the full confidence of all with whom he carries on business. His offices are located at 411-412 Home Savings and Loan Building, Youngstown, Ohio.

H. Preston Dawson, who is manager of the Youngstown branch of W. W. Martin & Company, sales agents for the Republic trucks, is an expert engraver by profession and left that work only at the call of greater remuneration in commercial lines.

He was born at Brooklyn, New York, in 1883, son of James H. and Mary Katherine Dawson. The Dawson family has lived in Brooklyn many years. Mr. Dawson was educated in the Brooklyn High School, and was a student at the Academy of Designs in New York, taking a general course in art and specializing in engraving. He was a member of the Art Students' League. For sixteen years he was one of the expert men on the staff of the American Bank Note Company, the greatest organization of its kind in America. This company has made plates for printing money for many countries of the world. Mr. Dawson specially excelled in the engraving of faces. A few years ago he felt that his interests were being sacrificed by too great fidelity

to his art, and he sought the larger remuneration of a technic commercial field. At that time he formed his connection with W. W. Martin & Company, and in June, 1918, assumed the management of their interests in Youngstown.

In 1911 Mr. Dawson married Miss Alleen Finlay. They have one son, H. Preston, Jr., and a daughter, Aletta. Mr. Dawson is a Mason and a member of the Youngstown Club.

NATHAN OZERSKY. Among the many men of foreign birth that have come to America to escape oppression in their native land, and have attained marked success in their business undertakings, is Nathan Ozersky, of the firm of Ozersky Brothers, bakers and wholesale grocers, located at 808 Franklin Avenue, Youngstown. He was born in 1867 in Russia, a son of Isaac and Sarah Ozersky. In 1892, after the death of his wife, Isaac Ozersky immigrated to the United States with his family, settling in New Haven, Connecticut.

Soon after his arrival in this country Nathan Ozersky visited many places, seeking for a favorable business location, and chose Youngstown as the one best suited for the baking business, the natural gas and other advantages appealing to him. In company with his brother he established a bakery, opening in 1896 a small shop at 352 Boardman Street. Doing his baking nights, he delivered his products day times, using therefor a two-wheeled cart made for him by John Kuhns. Working up a fine trade, the firm responded to the need of more commodious quarters, and moved to 347-49 East Federal Street, where they met with the same good success, the trade constantly increasing. In 1911 the brothers erected their present finely-equipped plant at 808 Franklin Avenue, and in January, 1913, their business was incorporated under the firm name of Ozersky Brothers. Beginning on a modest scale, using a small push cart for delivery purposes, this enterprising firm has very greatly enlarged its operations, having installed a wholesale and retail grocery business in addition to its bakery, and now uses eight wagons in delivering its goods, not only in Youngstown, but throughout the Mahoning Valley, its patronage being extensive and exceedingly remunerative.

Mr. Ozersky married, in 1898, Sophia Eidelman, also a native of Russia, and they have one daughter, Celia. Mr. and Mrs. Ozersky and daughter are members of Temple Emanuel, and are ever faithful to its teachings.

HERMAN C. HAEFKE. Amply qualified by acquired knowledge, training and experience with the requirements of the meat industry, Herman C. Haefke, of Youngstown, is filling the responsible position of manager for Swift & Company's branch house in this city, performing the duties devolving upon him ably and faithfully. A son of the late Frederick Haefke, he was born September 11, 1882, at Brier Hill, Youngstown, coming on both sides of the house of German ancestry.

Coming to the United States in early manhood from Germany, Frederick Haefke located in Mahoning County. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, he bought land in Austintown, where he was successfully engaged in general farming until his death, thirty-five years later, dying April 9, 1916, at the age of seventy-three years. He married Hannah Neuman, a native of Germany, walking to Canfield, the old county seat of Mahoning County, to secure a marriage license. She is now living, making her home with a daughter in North Jackson. Seven children blessed their union, of whom six are living, as follows: Augusta, wife of Calvin Schisler, an engineer at the Trumbull Steel Plant; Lizzie, wife of John Wolf, a roller in the Carnegie Mills; August F., of Austintown, a farmer; Lena, wife of Charles Hackelrod, a farmer of North Jackson; Minnie, wife of Henry Ebert, who is engaged in farming at North Jackson; and Herman C., the subject of this sketch. One daughter, Frieda, who died at the early age of twenty-six years, was the wife of Louis Berlin, a steel worker in the Carnegie Plant. Both parents were members of the German Lutheran Church.

Brought up on the parental homestead, Herman C. Haefke first attended school at Brier Hill, completing his early studies in Austintown. In 1901 he entered the Youngstown plant of Swift & Company as a driver, and subsequently filled various positions in the plant, becoming familiar with work in each department. Being sent to Chicago by the firm, he spent six months in the packing house market, and was then promoted to his present responsible position of manager of the company's branch house in Youngstown.

Mr. Haefke married, in 1908, Martha Heckle, daughter of Louis Heckle, of Youngstown. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haefke are active members of the Wood Street German Lutheran Church.

C. F. GARRISON. In point of service C. F. Garrison is one of the oldest men identified with the Republic Rubber Company of Youngstown. He is former secretary and at present a vice president in the corporation.

Mr. Garrison, whose business career has been one of continuous activity for over thirty years, was born at Kent, Ohio, May 26, 1867, son of Charles A. and Martha (Rees) Garrison, his father a native of Ohio and his mother of Wales. Charles A. Garrison was a veterinary surgeon and spent most of his life in Kent. After attending the public schools of his native town, graduating from high school in 1884, C. F. Garrison also took a short course in the Western Reserve Academy at Hudson, and about 1885 began his business career as clerk in a grocery store at Kent. Several years later he became an employe of the City Bank, and in January, 1893, went to Niles as chief clerk of the Falcon Iron and Nail Company. About that time the Falcon Tin Plate and Sheet Company was organized with practically the same officers as the former corporation. Mr. Garrison remained in the service of this industry. Subsequently the two chief departments of the Falcon Company were absorbed by the American Tin Plate Company and the American Sheet Steel Company. With the latter organization Mr. Garrison went to New York as head bookkeeper and later as auditor of disbursements.

July 1, 1904, Mr. Garrison became auditor of the Republic Rubber Company at Youngstown, thus beginning a connection that has been continuous for over fifteen years. In January, 1910, he was promoted to secretary, serving in that capacity until July, 1919, when he resigned. He has since been a vice president.

Mr. Garrison is a member of the Youngstown Club, and is a Royal Arch Mason and an Elk. The only public office he ever held was in Kent, where he was nominated and elected without his consent to membership on the school board.

Louis Kroeck has had more or less association with the automobile business since boyhood, and during the past five years has developed one of the chief sales and automobile repair plants at Youngstown. He is president of the Stearns Auto Sales Company, with salesrooms at 647 Market Street. His repair shop is at 1934-36 Glenwood Avenue. At the present time he is building one of the best equipped plants for the automobile business in the city, at Olive and Wick avenue.

Mr. Kroeck was born at Austintown, Ohio, February 18, 1888. His father, August Kroeck, an honored business man and citizen of Austintown, was born in Germany, where he learned the trade of wagon and carriage maker. Coming to this country as a young man he was employed for several years at Youngstown with the Youngstown Carriage Company, the plant of that company then being located on the ground now occupied by the Commercial Bank. He also worked in a wheel factory at Taylor's Corners, and from there moved to Austintown, where with George Ludwig he opened a wagon and blacksmith shop. After buying out his partner's interest he added a stock of hardware and groceries and farm implements, and in 1913 began selling automobiles, taking the agency for the Overland cars. His business has prospered, and at the age of seventy-three he is well to do and leaves the heavier responsibilities of the business to a son. He has served in an official capacity in the Grace Reformed Church. August Kroeck's wife, Susan Kroeck, is a native of Pennsylvania. They have five children: Kate, wife of Orville Harroff, of Austintown; William, the associate of his father in business at Austintown; Andrew, who is Ford agent at Lowellville; Charles, associated with his brother Louis at Youngstown.

Louis Kroeck attended school at Austintown and practically grew up in his father's business, acquiring a knowledge of sales and technical work which has been invaluable to him in his independent business career. He came to Youngstown in 1913 and began selling the Stearns cars, with offices on Boardman Street, and carrying a complete line of accessories. He moved to his present place in 1916. He is also the local Marmon and Monroe representative.

Mr. Kroeck is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated with Western Star Lodge of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1911 he married Leanna Farmer, of Salem, Ohio. Their two children are Dorothy and Orville.

Owen Morgan Phillips has had one allegiance, one work, one enthusiam from boyhood to the present time. The institution that has absorbed his energies and talents is the Youngstown Telegram, of which he is vice president and business manager.

Mr. Phillips was born at Hubbard in Trumbull County July 24, 1880, one of the six children, all living, born to Benjamin B. and Mary B. (Morgar) Phillips. His grandparents were Benjamin and Margaret (Edwards) Phillips. His grandfather was a farmer, while his father was a salesman. Both parents are now deceased.

Though born at Hubbard, Owen M. Phillips was reared at Youngstown, where his parents located when he was two years of age. He acquired a public school education, supplemented by three years at the Rayen High School.

He was sixteen years of age when he found his life work as an employe of the Telegram. He began as a clerk, with a range of duties limited only by the desires and wishes of practically every other person at the plant, then his superiors, and during almost twenty-five years of service has held successively the positions of clerk, bookkeeper, assistant advertising manager, advertising manager and business manager. Moreover he regards with great satisfaction and is deserving of much credit for the fact that the Telegram's growth as a newspaper institution has largely occurred during his term of service, advancing from a struggling daily to a modern city newspaper.

March 3, 1915, Mr. Phillips married Miss Nell Cadwallader, daughter of Harry L. and Charlotte (Dow) Cadwallader, of Pittsburg. They have one daughter, Mary Jane.

William C. Wallis. While still a young man, William C. Wallis is one of the oldest employes in point of service of the Brier Hill Steel Company, where he occupies the position of assistant superintendent of the blast furnaces. He was born at Girard, Ohio, on the present site of the Brier Hill plate mill, November 19, 1887, one of eight children born to the marriage of William J. and Anna (Jenkins) Wallis, a review of whose career will be found in the sketch of William J. Wallis elsewhere in this volume. William J. Wallis was born near Girard, Ohio, and his wife in Wales, but she is now deceased. For about twenty years Mr. Wallis was on the school board at Girard, and at this time is president and general manager of the Youngstown Foundry and Machine Company.

William C. Wallis was reared at Girard, where he attended the graded and high schools, and subsequently spent some time in Rayen High School, Youngstown. When he was about seventeen years of age he became shipping clerk and timekeeper for the Youngstown Foundry and Machine Company, succeeding which he learned the machinist's trade in the shops of the same concern and at the Lower Union Mills of the Carnegie Steel Company. He served, all told, at the machinist's trade about five years. On October 1, 1912, he entered the

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employ of the Brier Hill Steel Company, first as timekeeper, subsequently as payroll clerk, and then as production clerk. Next he was transferred to the blast furnace department, first as burden and furnace practice clerk, and January 1, 1917, was made assistant superintendent, under W. H. Geesman, of the blast furnaces. This has ever since been his occupation. Mr. Wallis is a member of the Youngstown Engineers Club and is accounted one of the skilled and authoritative men in his line. He has the full confidence of his associates, the respect of his superiors and the good will of his subordinates, and is generally popular with his fellow-workers in the plant. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Wallis was married July 2, 1913, to Miss Grace E. Munson, of Vienna Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, a daughter of William C. and Loa (Goist) Munson, and they are the parents of one daughter, Virginia Munson Wallis, and one son, William James, 2nd.

ANDREW G. EGLER. Inherent ability, supplemented by thorough theoretical training and long and varied practical experience, has made Andrew G. Egler one of the recognized authorities of matters pertaining to the open hearth production of steel in this country. Mr. Egler, who is superintendent of the open hearth of the Brier Hill Steel Company, was born at Saarbrucken, in the Saar Valley, Rhenish Prussia, April 20, 1883. His parents, Nicholas F. and Margaret (Kunz) Egler, lived and died in Germany.

Andrew G. Egler is the youngest in a family of thirteen children, of whom seven reside in the United States. At the age of fourteen years, after having received a common school education, he began learning the patternmaker's trade in the steel foundries of his native country and served three years without pay in acquiring this knowledge. He then made a special study of furnaces and combustion in order to further prepare himself for the vocation which he had chosen as his life work. During this period he had read much and heard more of the opportunities afforded ambitious young men in the United States, and this was especially impressed upon his mind by reason of having relatives here. At the age of nineteen years he crossed the Atlantic, his first home being at Pueblo, Colorado, where he was employed at the heating furnaces of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. After about two years in that state he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as foreman of the gas plant of the National Tube Works at McKeesport, and from there went to South Chicago, Illinois, and later to Gary, Indiana, in the service of the Illinois Steel Company. During all this time he devoted much attention to the study of burning fuel from the economical standpoint, finally, through this means, developing into a furnace and gas expert. At South Chicago he became general foreman of the gas plant, and at Gary served in the same capacity. In 1913 Mr. Egler went to Buffalo, New York, where for three years he was superintendent of the open hearth gas plants of the Lackawanna Steel Company. Three years later, in 1916, he came to Youngstown as assistant superintendent of the open hearth of the Brier Hill Steel Company, a position which he filled until January 1, 1920, when he was promoted to superintendent of the open hearth department.

On first coming to the United States Mr. Egler took out his first naturalization papers, and as soon thereafter as it became practicable secured his final papers. While born in Germany, he is, in every sense of the word, a loyal American citizen and is as proud of this country's traditions and history and achievements as those of native birth with a long line of native ancestry. In religion he is a Protestant, politically he supports the republican party, and socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity and is a member of Accordia Lodge No. 277, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Chicago Commandery, Knights Templar, and also holds membership in Medina Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, all of Chicago. Mr. Egler is not a politician nor an office seeker, but has always been a constructive worker and stanch supporter of good movements. He was married October 14, 1915, to Miss Mary M. Fuchs, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

PAUL H. ZENK. Among those now holding responsible positions with the Brier Hill Steel Company who have been identified with this concern since the year of its birth, 1912, is Paul H. Zenk. A resident of Youngstown since infancy, he had much experience of a practical nature with other steel companies before forming his present association, and at this time occupies the important post of construction engineer.

Paul H. Zenk was born at Koslin, Germany, November 12, 1880, a son of Albert and Caroline (Knuth) Zenk, the latter being a direct descendant of the Canutes, famous Norsemen of remote history. Albert Zenk was a patternmaker by trade, and in the spring of 1881, with his family, immigrated to the United States and after a short stay at Pittsburgh came direct to Youngstown, which has since been his home. In coming to this country the elder Zenk had decided to make it the future abode of not only himself but his descendants. He took out his naturalization papers at the earliest possible date, and from that time to the present has been a thorough-going American in every sense of the word, save in the matter of birth. It was no half-way measure on his part, for he is an American without the hyphen. He has followed his trade since coming to the United States and for the most part has been identified with his present firm, The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

Paul H. Zenk, the youngest of three children, was reared from an infant in arms at Youngstown and has always made this city his home. After attending the public schools he entered Rayen High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900, and following this began as a tracer in the engineering department of the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company. Later he took up the profession of civil engineering and served under

Charles Mackey. Later he was with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company for some years, and then formed a connection with the Republic Iron and Steel Company, a concern with which he was identified about the same length of time. In both of these concerns he served in the employ of the civil engineering departments. In 1912, when he came to the Brier Hill Steel Company, it was as assistant chief civil engineer. In 1913 he became chief civil engineer, and June 1, 1920, was promoted to the position of construction engineer. He has been identified with the great changes that have transformed this plant from an unwieldy infant to a powerful smoothly-working giant. Mr. Zenk is a member of the Youngstown Engineers Club.

On June 12, 1907, Mr. Zenk married Miss Leatha Longwill, of Indiana, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one daughter: Loretta. Mr. and Mrs. Zenk are consistent members of the Woodland Avenue Lutheran Church.

Hon. Paul E. Carson. In the annals of Mahoning County no name holds higher rank than that of Paul E. Carson of Youngstown, who occupies a place of distinction in legal circles, and has served with ability and fidelity as referee in bankruptcy for Mahoning County since February, 1916, and for Trumbull County since October, 1918. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born January 22, 1885, in Washington County, which was likewise the birthplace of his parents, Isaac N. and Margaret M. Carson, his father having been born in 1855 and his mother in 1860.

Isaac N. Carson was most successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits during the earlier years of his life, and having acquired a competency is now enjoying life in Youngstown, where he and his wife have lived since 1916. He is a democrat in his political affiliations, and is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are the parents of two children, Paul E., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; and Velma C., wife of H. C. Christopher.

During his younger days Paul E. Carson attended school in California, Pennsylvania, and when fitted for college entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1905, and which, in 1909, honored him with the degree of Doctor of Laws. Going West soon after his graduation, Mr. Carson spent the year of 1906 in Idaho, being in the engineering department of the Oregon Short Line Railroad. Subsequently opening an office in Youngstown, he has since been here successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, his clientage being extensive and lucrative. Fraternally Mr. Carson is a member of Monongahela Lodge, No. 461, Free and Accepted Masons; of Youngstown Chapter, No. 93, Royal Arch Masons; and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Youngstown Club.

Robert E. Lewis, chief electrician for the Brier Hill Steel Company, has been identified with this corporation for the past eight years, having commenced his connection as assistant chief electrician in 1911. Since 1915 he has occupied his present position. Mr. Lewis is a native of Youngstown, having been born August 1, 1889. His father, Thomas G. Lewis, was born in March, 1866, also at Youngstown, and lived here practically his entire life, being for thirty-one years a worker in the iron and steel mills, principally with the old Cartright-McCurdy Mills, the National Steel Company and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. He was in the puddle department, and, with such men as George Swanton and others, was known as belonging to the old school of puddlers. He was not content with being merely an ordinary puddler, but stood at the head of the list. Mr. Lewis married Miss Annie E. Elliott, and they became the parents of seven children. Mr. Lewis was a quiet, unassuming man, was a great reader, and in his way became exceptionally well informed on all matters of a public nature. While a republican in politics, he was not particularly active as a worker, but invariably exercised his right of franchise. For three terms he represented the Fifth Ward as councilman. He died March 14, 1919, and is survived by his widow, who resides at Youngstown.

Robert E. Lewis was the fourth born in his parents' family. As a boy he attended the public schools of his native town, and after his graduation from Rayen High School, with the class of 1906, at once found employment in the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Company as an electrical apprentice. Later he served as a section foreman of the electrical department of that plant, and was serving as such when he resigned to enter the employ of the Brier Hill Steel Company.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Youngstown Engineers Club. Fraternally he holds membership in Hillman Lodge No. 481, Free and Accepted Masons, and his religious connection is with the Memorial Presbyterian Church. As a voter he supports the policies and candidates of the republican party.

George W. Haney. Among the younger generation of Youngstown's native sons who have achieved business and professional success in the city of their birth is George W. Haney, superintendent of mechanical and electrical departments of the Brier Hill Steel Company. Still in the early years of the prime of life, Mr. Haney has already accomplished much in his field of activity and is daily adding to the equipment and knowledge that has made him a recognized leader in his line of work.

Born at Youngstown, Ohio, June 18, 1884, Mr. Haney is a son of Joseph G. and Addie M. (Douglass) Haney, natives of Cleveland, Ohio, and a grandson of one of the early pioneer settlers of this part of the State of Ohio. Joseph G. Haney was here engaged in the real estate and insurance business and was a well known and highly respected resident, in whose death, November 24, 1914, his city lost a valuable and public-spirited citizen. His wife passed away in February, 1888, leaving two children: George W., who is the subject of this review; and Frank, his elder brother, who died in 1895, at the age of seventeen years.

George W. Haney was reared at Youngstown

and in boyhood attended the grammar school and the Rayen High School. When a little past seventeen years of age he started out for himself in the electric shop of the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Company. He remained there, becoming a section foreman eventually, and in fact filled almost every position in the electrical department. In 1912 he entered the service of the Brier Hill Steel Company as assistant chief electrician, and subsequently was promoted to chief electrician. In 1916 he was made chief electrical engineer, and this latter position he held until June 1, 1920, when he was advanced to the superintendency of mechanical and electrical departments.

Mr. Haney is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers, the Youngstown Engineers Club and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. With his family he belongs to the First Presbyterian Church, to the movements of which he has been a generous contributor. In his political tendencies he is a republican and supports the candidates and principles of that party loyally. He has had no desire for public preferment and is interested in civic affairs only as a good citizen. Mr. Haney was united in marriage May 23, 1907, with Miss Marion F. Forbes, of Lisbon, Ohio, and they are the parents of one son, Joseph G.

George E. Mirfield. A man of broad experience and marked ability in his line, George E. Mirfield has the distinction also of being an inventor, and it was the origination of one of his appliances that led to his connection with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, where he is now assistant superintendent of the rod, wire and conduit department.

Mr. Mirfield was born at Westgate Hill, Bradford, England, July 28, 1875, his parents being Daniel and Sarah (Beaumont) Mirfield. His father died in 1885 in England, where George E. Mirfield attended the grammar and high schools, and in 1890 his widow brought her three sons to the United States, settling at South Shaftsbury, Vermont. The youth completed his education at the Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester, Vermont. After leaving this institution Mr. Mirfield began his business activities as an apprentice in the machine shops of the Eagle Square Manufacturing Company at South Shaftsbury, Vermont, this concern being the first in the world to manufacture carpenter's squares, rules and measuring devices of steel. He served three years as an apprentice and was then made foreman of the machine shop and continued with the same concern until 1901. In that year Mr. Mirfield went to Joliet, Illinois, as foreman of the machine shops and later as draftsman for the American Steel and Wire Company, and eventually became chief engineer of the enlarged plant of this corporation. While at Joliet Mr. Mirfield invented a device for the manufacture of wire fencing, and in April, 1908, he was called to Youngstown to superintend the erection and installation of these machines at the plant of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. In 1912 he became assistant superintendent under Frank H. Nullmeyer of the rod, wire and conduit department, and this position he has filled ever since. Mr. Mirfield is one of the most popular men in the plant. Having himself traveled the hard, self-made road to success, he can appreciate the efforts of others who are endeavoring to better their condition, and has earned and held the good will of those under his employ. He is a Mason and belongs to the Knights Templar and York Rite bodies and is also a member of Al-Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On June 14, 1904, Mr. Mirfield was united in marriage with Miss Ava E. Burnette, of Joliet, Illinois, and they are the parents of one daughter, Margaret Louise. Mrs. Mirfield is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church at Youngstown, Ohio, and takes an active interest in its work.

Alfred E. Jupp. The entire career of Alfred E. Jupp has been passed in connection with the steel industry. His knowledge has been gained through thirty-six years of experience, in various parts of the country, but during the last eight years he has been associated with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, of which he is now superintendent of the merchant mill.

Mr. Jupp was born at Wyandotte, Michigan, July 6, 1869, a son of Edwin J. and Sarah (Hopkins) Jupp, natives of England, where they were married. The family came to the United States in 1869, and Edwin J. Jupp, who was a patternmaker by trade, was appointed foreman in a carpenter and pattern shop of the Bay View Rolling Mill at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He continued with this concern until it became a part of the Illinois Steel Company, and at the time of his death, which occurred January 31, 1901, was foreman of the pattern shop. His widow survives him and makes her home at Milwaukee.

Alfred E. Jupp is one of eight children, all of whom are living. He was born ten days after the arrival of his parents in the United States and until ten years of age resided with his parents at Chicago, where he attended the public schools. After this until twenty-three years old he lived at Milwaukee, and in the meantime graduated there from the grammar school. At the age of fifteen years he began for himself in the store room of the Illinois Steel Company, later becoming a timekeeper and then private secretary to T. W. Robinson, who was then superintendent of the blast furnace of the Illinois Steel Company. With a young man's desire to see the country he went west to Colorado, and at Pueblo entered the employ of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company as foreman of the merchant mill. About a year later he became superintendent of the merchant mill. This position he held until 1900, when he was sent to Laramie, Wyoming, as superintendent of the Laramie Iron and Steel Company, which was a subsidiary corporation. Mr. Jupp filled that position until 1912, when he came to Youngstown, Ohio, to become assistant superintendent of the skelp and puddle mill. In 1917 he was made superintendent of the merchant mill at Struthers, and has since served in this capacity.

Mr. Jupp is a member of the Youngstown Cham-

ber of Commerce and is a thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and a Knight Templar York Rite Mason, belonging also to the Mystic Shrine. He was married September 11, 1902, to Miss Nellie May Dean, and they are the parents of one daughter, Eunice Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Jupp are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Dexter Book Stephens. Six generations of the Stephens family have resided in the Mahoning Valley of Ohio, where the name has been synonymous since 1805 with integrity, honesty, industry and law-abiding citizenship. One of the worthy representatives of this highly respected family is Dexter Book Stephens, who for about twenty years has been engaged in the brokerage business at Youngstown, where he occupies a recognized place in financial circles.

Robert Stephens (or Stevens as he spelled the name) came to Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1805, and bought what is now the Isaac Powers farm, at present within the city limits of Youngstown. He sold this property in 1817 to Isaac Powers, and the tract has ever since been retained by members of the Powers family. For this property Robert Stevens obtained a farm on the Jackson Gulch at Science Hill, and there spent the remainder of his life. He had a son, John, who spelled his name Stephens, and who, as a soldier in the War of 1812, was a pensioner until his death. He went to a log cabin school near the present Diamond at Youngstown, and during his boyhood saw many deer and other wild game which still abounded in this locality. John Stephens was a farmer all of his life until he disposed of his property in Cortsville Township and moved to a place known as the Asael Shook farm on the McGuffey Street Road. His death occurred about 1874, when he was eighty-one years of age.

John Wesley Stephens, a son of John Stephens, was born on the Asael Shook farm in 1824, and passed his life as a farmer and carpenter, and also taught school in his younger days. He married Mary Book, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Armitage) Book, a pioneer family of near Edenburg, Pennsylvania, and they had two children: Dexter Book; and Estella A., the widow of Calvin C. Applegate. John Wesley Stephens was somewhat of a prominent figure in the early political history of Cortsville Township, where he served as a justice of the peace. He died April 17, 1861, just as the Civil war began, and his widow subsequently married his twin brother, James Finley Stephens, and died in 1885.

Dexter Book Stephens was born on the Asael Shook farm, September 10, 1858, and was reared on the home place, securing his education in the Youngstown graded and Hubbard High schools. At eighteen years of age he taught his first term of school, and continued this vocation for twelve years. He next was employed as ticket and freight agent for the old Pittsburg & Western Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio System, and after ten years of this service entered the brokerage business at Youngstown, in which he has continued to the present time, and for the past five years as local representative of the well known firm of Otis & Company, investment brokers of Cleveland, Ohio. He is one of the progressive and energetic business men of Youngstown, of clear and far-sighted judgment and of excellent standing among his associates. As a fraternalist he belongs to Western Star Lodge No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; is a charter member of Robert E. Johnson Lodge, No. 614, Knights of Pythias, and is likewise a charter member of the Knights of the Maccabees. He belongs to the Youngstown Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Stephens married August 4, 1880, Miss Katherine Worley, of Farmington, Ohio, and they have one son, Wesley McKeown, who was born August 20, 1887. He graduated from Rayen High School in 1902, subsequently attended the Ohio State University, and later was graduated from the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania, as an electrical engineer. He is now chief engineer for the DuQuesne Light Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Wesley Stephens married Sarah Wolfe, of Pittsburgh, and they are the parents of two children: Dexter McKeown and Katherine A. This makes the six generations above noted of this family to have lived in the Mahoning Valley. There is not much out of the ordinary in the careers of its members, save that they have been honest, law-abiding and reputable, and that their actions have always typified the highest order of respectability and public-spirited citizenship.

Carl L. Vinopal. Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort in the affairs of life will inevitably result in the attaining of a due measure of success, but in following out the career of one who has attained success by his own efforts there comes into view the intrinsic individuality which made such accomplishment possible, and thus there is granted an objective incentive and inspiration, while at the same time there is enkindled a feeling of respect and admiration. The qualities which have made Mr. Vinopal one of the prominent and successful men of Youngstown have also brought him the esteem of his fellow townsmen, for his career has been one of well-directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods.

Carl L. Vinopal was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 15, 1864, and is a son of Vincent and Elinor Vinopal, natives of Austria. The father was but a child when brought to this country by an uncle, who located in Cleveland. He became a foreman for John D. Rockefeller in Cleveland, and, later, in Titusville, Pennsylvania, of which place he is still a resident. Though eighty-five years of age, he is strong and active, capable of working every day. His wife, who is nine years his junior, is the daughter of Bohemian parents, the family coming to this country when she was a small child. They are members of the Catholic Church. They became the parents of seven children, six sons and a daughter, all of whom are living. In 1914 the worthy parents celebrated the golden anniversary of their marriage, on which enjoyable occasion all of the children were present.

Carl L. Vinopal, who is the oldest of the chil-

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dren born to his parents, attended the Mayflower school in Cleveland, completing his studies in Titusville, Pennsylvania. He learned the trade of plumbing under William Moran in Titusville, Pennsylvania, and for about six years was employed as a plumber when he came to Youngstown and was employed by the Mahoning Gas Fuel Company. For the past twenty-seven years he has been a resident of Youngstown. After severing his relations with the Mahoning Gas Fuel Company he formed a partnership with W. H. Peterson, now city plumbing inspector, and S. E. Johnson, their first place of business being on East Federal Street. The partnership was dissolved when they moved into the Park Theater Building and Mr. Vinopal formed an association with his brother, A. E. Vinopal, under the firm name of Vinopal Brothers. From there they moved to Wick Avenue, just north of the Erie Railroad, where they continued in business a few years. They are now located at No. 122 West Rayen Avenue, and are well equipped for every kind of a plumbing job, expert workmen and up-to-date appliances being outstanding features of their service. Their work will be found in many of the prominent churches, schools, business blocks and other buildings in Youngstown and vicinity.

Mr. Vinopal has been married twice, first, in 1892, to Nora Berry, who died within one year, leaving a son, Raymond R. The latter served in the ordnance department during the World's war, being in France over a year, a portion of the time on the fighting line. For a time he was quartered in Paris, being assigned to various branches of the service. On October 27, 1898, Mr. Vinopal was married to Clara Belle Hill, the daughter of Andrew Hill, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and to them have been born two children, Francis, who died at the age of fourteen months, and Madaline, a graduate of the South High School.

Religiously Mr. Vinopal was formerly a member of St. Columba's Catholic Church, but later became identified with St. Joseph's Church; however, at the present time he is a member of St. Patrick's Church. For a number of years he has been very prominently identified with the Knights of Columbus, having served as the head of the fourth degree for three years. He is also a lecturer in that order and in many ways has been a loyal and devoted member. He has paid considerable attention to city welfare work and has consistently supported every movement for the betterment and advancement of the city's best interests. Because of his business success and his fine personal qualities he has long occupied an enviable position among the representative business men of his city.

Thomas C. Thomas, general foreman of the machine shops of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company at Youngstown, was born at Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio, April 15, 1877, and is one of a family of seven children, of whom four are now living, born to Thomas J. and Catherine (Davis) Thomas, natives of Wales.

Thomas J. Thomas was reared and educated in his native country, where he learned the trade of blacksmith, a vocation which he followed at Scranton, Pennsylvania, after immigrating to the United States in 1849. About the year 1850 he came to Brier Hill, Ohio, where he worked for the Wicks interests in the production of coal, and later went to Girard, where he was employed as a blacksmith under Joseph G. Butler, who was then general superintendent of what is now the A. M. Byers Company. He eventually became a superintendent of that plant and for thirty years continued as an employe of that corporation. He was married at Hubbard, Ohio, to Catherine Davis, and both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the faith of which they reared their children. Mr. Thomas was a great lover of home, and after his day's work was done delighted in the quietude of the family circle, where his happiest hours were spent. The only fraternal organization of which he was a member was the Knights of Pythias. In his community he was known as an exemplary citizen and had the confidence and esteem of those among whom he lived. He died June 15, 1913, and was followed in death by his widow February 10, 1916.

Thomas C. Thomas passed his boyhood and early youth at Girard, where he attended the public schools and served an apprenticeship to the moulder's trade. At the age of eighteen years he started his business career as a moulder for the Girard Stove and Repair Company, and from this employment went to the Girard Iron Company, where he remained five years working as a machinist. For a few years following this he worked with his father around and among blast furnaces, and in April, 1907, started his connection with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company as a machinist. He was made assistant foreman of the machine shops in 1912, and in May, 1919, was appointed to the position of general foreman of the machine shops, a position which he has continued to fill with spendid ability.

Mr. Thomas was married August 30, 1919, to Miss Minnie Leitch, daughter of John G. Leitch, a pioneer of the Mahoning Valley and a former member of the board of commissioners of Trumbull County. Mr. Thomas is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Engineers Club of Youngstown. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and his political views make him a republican. While a resident of Girard he took an active interest in civic affairs, and for four years served as a member of the village council.

H. Russell Hooper. A few facts from the early life of Mr. Hooper shows that he is a product of the university of experience and that he has earned success by deserving it. Mr. Hooper is one of the best qualified men in the automobile business in Youngstown, and is active head of one of the three Ford agencies centered in the city.

His business is conducted under the name Hooper Motor Company. He was born at Iron Mountain, Michigan, December 4, 1885, son of Henry and Gertrude (Belcher) Hooper. His father was a miner, and the son at the age of fifteen, after getting the advantages of the grade schools, also went to work in the mines of Northern Michigan. He was

soon made office boy, and eventually rose to the responsibilities of chief of the shipping department.

Leaving mining as a career Mr. Hooper went to Detroit, and since then his experience has been centered in automobiles. He was with the Cadillac Company in charge of the cost department for a time. His longest service has been with the Ford Motor Company. He knows every detail of that business, having worked from the stock room to the credit department, was bookkeeper, paymaster and chief clerk. Mr. Ford sent him to Washington, D. C., as assistant manager of the Ford plant in that place. From there he was brought to Youngstown as assistant manager of this district, including ten counties of Ohio and Pennsylvania, and with supervision over fifty dealers.

When the new plan of selling was instituted by the Ford Company Mr. Hooper took over the equipment at 2105 Market Street and organized the Hooper Motor Company. Besides the Ford cars and Ford tractors he has charge of the sales of a combination between the Ford and other implement makers, including the Oliver chilled plow, Roderick-Lean Manufacturing Company's double disc harrows and the products of the American Seeding Machine Company. He has a large district,, including forty-five counties in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Mr. Hooper, who has been a resident of Youngstown four years, is a member of the Automobile Dealers Association, the Automobile Club, the Poland Country Club, and is a Knight Templar Mason and Elk. September 21, 1912, he married Miss Mame H. Ratz, of Brighton, Michigan.

Dan Mullane, Jr. A keen-witted, energetic and enterprising man of business, Dan Mullane, Jr., an insurance agent and real estate broker of Youngstown, has been actively associated with the development and improvement of the property in this section of Mahoning County, his special interests in that line having been at High Park and Ingleside. A son of Daniel Mullane, Sr., he was born September 13, 1877, in Youngstown, on Williams Street, which in those days was almost literally "in the woods."

Daniel Mullane, Sr., was an infant of two weeks when his parents boarded the sailing vessel that brought them from Ireland to America. He was brought up in Cleveland, Ohio, and although he had but meager educational advantages, he was a reader, observer and thinker all of his days, reading Shakespeare, history and the classics. Coming to Youngstown when about twenty years of age, he was employed in the mills for a long time, and as a leader in labor circles and federations labored for better moral conditions and for the general improvement of his fellow-men and co-workers. Eminently trustworthy and level-headed, he attended all the labor conventions, serving, usually as chairman, and was also a leader in political affairs, but was never an aspirant for official honors, although his influence for good was always felt. He died in 1910 at his home on Market Street, aged sixty-one years. He married Annie Joyce, who was born near Berea, Ohio, and is now residing at her old home in this city. Eight children were born of their union, all of whom are living, as follows: Mary, wife of Hugh W. Grant, of Youngstown; Nell, living at home; Dan, the subject of this sketch; Joseph, with the Republic Iron & Steel Company; William P., vice president and a director of the Federal Export Company of New York, which deals extensively in steel products; Katherine, wife of John Reidy, of the firm of Reidy Brothers of the Cleveland Furniture Company; Gertrude, wife of Paul Maline, who served as assistant city engineer for twenty terms; and Bessie, living at home. Both parents were confirmed in the Catholic Church and belonged to Saint Columbia's Church.

Acquiring the rudiments of his education at Saint Columbia's Parish School, Dan Mullane, Jr., subsequently attended the Rayen High School, after which he took a business course of study. Serving an apprenticeship at the Brown-Bonnell Mills, he afterward worked as a machinist for ten years for the United Engineering and Foundry Company. Resigning his position there, Mr. Mullane has since been in the insurance and real estate business, being now one of the most successful real estate brokers in the city.

Mr. Mullane married, November 28, 1911, Marie Neville, daughter of W. J. Neville, of Youngstown, and into the household thus happily established five children have been born, Neville, Martha Elizabeth, Daniel III, Robert and Virginia. Religiously Mr. Mullane is a member of Saint Edward's Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is likewise a member of the Real Estate Board and of the Youngstown Country Club.

Frank G. Trigg has been in the marble and cut stone business at Youngstown for over forty years. The business now continued by him at 13 Oak Hill Avenue was formerly conducted under the title Trigg Brothers, Marble Works.

Mr. Trigg was born in Gloucestershire, England, November 24, 1854, and was a small boy when brought to the United States. His parents were Richard and Phoebe (Saysel) Trigg. Richard Trigg with his oldest son came to the United States in 1871, locating at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, where eighteen months later he was joined by the rest of his family. Mr. Trigg was a miner and was employed in some of the mines of the Youngstown district. In 1874 he moved to Oreville, Pennsylvania, and later to Elwood City in that state, where he and his wife spent the rest of their years. They were buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Youngstown. Richard Trigg was born in 1822 and died at the age of seventy-five, while his wife was also seventy-five when she died, in 1907.

Frank G. Trigg as a boy worked in some of the iron mines of England. After coming to America he followed different lines of employment, and learned stone cutting at Brownsville, Pennsylvania. His brother Wallace worked at Olney, Illinois, but soon came to Youngstown and opened a marble shop. During forty years they have furnished monuments to many of the prominent old time citizens of Youngstown. Their shop in 1877 was at Spring

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Common and Federal streets. For a building and lot sixteen feet in front and extending back to the alley they paid $12.00 per month rent. The same amount of space in that locality today would bring a rental probably of $1,200 a month. From there they moved the shop to the site of the present Vindicator Building, having seventy-five feet on Boardman Street and 107 feet on Phelps Street. Later they sold this ground to the Vindicator Company for $10,000. Today it is worth at least $200,000. From that site they came to their present location at 13 Oak Hill Avenue. Every machine and appliance for marble working is found in this establishment, including traveling cranes. Wallace Trigg, [illegible]e years older than his brother Frank, has been [illegible]ed from business and has lived in Pasadena, [illegible]alifornia, for the past three years.

The first work Frank Trigg did on coming to Youngstown was cutting stone for the old courthouse. In a business of large volume and comprising many transactions in a period of forty-two years he and his firm have never had a law suit, and have lost less than $500 in bad accounts. Mr. Trigg is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, and is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

In 1882 he married Mary Gerlach, who was born at Youngstown and died in 1888. Her three children were Richard, a cattle dealer in Montana; Charles, in the real estate business with offices in the Stambaugh Building; and Frank, chief electrician at the Tod plant. In 1890 Mr. Trigg married Mary Williams, a native of Wales. They had seven children: Bruce, who was through the war in the aviation branch and at the close of his service was employed in training a gun crew at Pensacola, Florida; Fred, a dentist by profession, who held the rank of first lieutenant and was an army dentist; Ellen, wife of Fred Jones of Youngstown; Phoebe, employed in the offices of the Republic Iron and Steel Company; Mary, a teacher; Florence, in the South High School; and Edith in grammar school.

Thomas W. Miller. In that class of contracting including the building of streets, sewers and other public improvements, the firm of T. W. Miller Contracting Company, successors to Miller Brothers, Contractors, performed a large and important share at Youngstown within recent years.

The firm of Miller Brothers consisted of T. W. and George J. Miller. The latter died November 9, 1918, at the age of twenty-nine. Thomas W. Miller is now president and manager of the T. W. Miller Contracting Company. He is a son of A. J. and Hedwig Miller, natives of Sweden. The former came to the United States at the age of sixteen and his wife in early childhood. They were married in Youngstown. A. J. Miller, who died July 5, 1918, at the age of seventy-two, was in earlier years connected with Andrews Brothers at the old coal mine on the Palmer farm, later was a commissioner, and finally was a director of public service in the city government of Youngstown. For many years he was a contractor, associated with the firm of Nelson & Cochran, and was very successful in all his enterprises. He and his wife were members of the Swedish Lutheran Church, and fraternally he was affiliated with Hillman Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Of six children four are still living: Mrs. J. A. Fithian; Henry F., a draftsman; Thomas W.; and Fred. Ellen died at the age of twenty-one and George died at twenty-nine.

Thomas W. Miller attended the public schools at Haselton and at the age of fifteen was working under his father in a coal mine. His qualifications for his present work are based upon a wide variety of practical experience. After mining he was employed by the Youngstown Engineering Company and served an apprenticeship as a machinist for five years with the Lloyd Booth Machine Company. For two years he was engaged in civil engineering work, and then took up the contracting and building of state and county roads. His firm built three miles of state road in Portage County, and had a share in the contract for the construction of the Youngstown Southern Sewer. They also built many streets in Youngstown for the Realty Security Company, the Mill Creek Land Company, Cailor & Bate, and others. The company usually employs about eighty men, and has a complete equipment for all classes of road and street construction, including four steam shovels. Mr. Miller in 1908 married Helen Hallberg, daughter of A. J. Hallberg. Their two children are Dorothy and Thomas W., Jr. The family are members of the Trinity Methodist Church. Mr. Miller is affiliated with Western Star Lodge of Masons, and is a member of the Builders Exchange, the Youngstown Real Estate Board and the Automobile Club.

Joseph Strock, Sr., pioneer settler of that family in the Mahoning Valley, had a consequential life, and some note regarding it should be included in this edition of Mahoning Valley history, not only because of his association with the early pioneering efforts in the valley, but because of the fact that through him the Strock family has given national military service in all the wars since the Revolution. Joseph Strock, Sr., was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, was at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78; two of his sons saw active service during the war of 1812; at least five of his descendants enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war; and although authentic data are not available at this writing, it is more than possible that some of his descendants took part in the Spanish-American war, and it is quite certain that some must have participated in the recent World war, for the descendants of Joseph Strock, the sturdy pioneer of the Mahoning Valley, now total to more than six hundred, and the family had for generations been esteemed for its strong patriotism.

Joseph Strock, Sr., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in about 1748, and was about nine years old when he came with his mother, a widow, to America. They were poorly circumstanced; in fact his mother had not sufficient money to pay for his, as well as her own ocean passage; she therefore gave the captain of the ship in which they came

permission to "bind her boy out" until he should reach the age of twenty-one years, that indenture being accepted in lieu of cash payment of the boy's fare to America. It may thus be imagined that the early years of Joseph Strock were passed under conditions such as would bring him into sturdy young manhood. He evidently was of sturdy manhood for he lived to reach the age of eighty-four years, the greater part of which life was spent under the rugged, arduous conditions of the pioneer settler. In due course he was a soldier of the Revolution, was one of those who spent the terrible winter at Valley Forge, and he lived to be the father of eleven children. He was a man of strong purpose, and apparently of good physical vigor even late in life, for he was about sixty-seven years old when, in September, 1815, with his wife and nine of his eleven children, and not less than eleven grandchildren, he left Pennsylvania and, traveling by "ox train," ventured into the wild, unsettled territory of Ohio. He must have been a man of courageous spirit, for such a journey would have been quite venturesome for a much younger man, for the capacity of the ox train was of necessity limited, and some had to walk, and, at night sleep on the grass. However, the journey was eventually accomplished, and Joseph Strock, Sr., with his wife, and children, and grandchildren, settled in Austintown, which was then within the boundaries of Trumbull County, Ohio. There some time later his sons John Henry and George joined them. These two sons had been away from home on military service, the enrollment for the War of 1812 having held them in the national service. They had not been able to maintain close communication with their family while on active service and when after having been discharged from the army, they returned to their former homes, which were near to that of their parents in Eastern Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, they were astonished to find that the Strock family, their father, mother, nine brothers and sisters, their wives and their own nine children, had all left the neighborhood and had "gone west" into Ohio. Not having the means to purchase horses, the brothers followed their relatives on foot, and eventually were reunited with their folk. The Strock family appear to have been loyal one to another, and undoubtedly the sons took stalwart part in the work of clearing the timber from the property of their father. Eventually Joseph Strock, Sr., "on account of his industry and economy and the fertility of the Mahoning Valley," became the owner of an extensive acreage of good tillable land, and before his death, in 1832, was able to give to each of his eleven sons a farm sufficient for the maintenance of the latter's family thereon. Joseph Strock, Sr., was a man of commendable thrift, was economical in all his ways, and lived a simple, wholesome life of industrious tilling of the soil. It is related of him that one day he looked sternly across the table at a grandson, who had just spread both butter and applebutter upon a slice of bread, and said: "Has your father got two farms." Such an illustration indicates the sturdiness of purpose, the self-denial, and the economy the worthy pioneer settlers had to practice in order to successfully carry through the hard and unprofitable work of winning a home from the wilderness.

The Strock family has certainly good place among the pioneer families of the Mahoning Valley.

George B. Snyder, the present postmaster of Youngstown is a veteran of the postal service, having started as a carrier in 1888. For many years he has also been one of the leading editors and newspaper men of Northeastern Ohio.

Mr. Snyder, who served a previous term as postmaster during the second Cleveland administration was born in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, May 21, 1868. His parents were Stewart and Mary Ann (Murray) Snyder. His father was a pioneer carriage manufacturer at Youngstown, conducting a plant for a number of years at Walnut on Federal Street. Stewart Snyder was from Troy, New York, and his wife from Pennsylvania and they were married in Pittsburg. Her father had a hotel at Pittsburg and ran the first bus line between Pittsburg and Wilkinsburg. Stewart Snyder worked at his trade as a carriage maker in Pittsburg and from there removed to Cleveland and in 1871 came to Youngstown. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, having been with the Ordnance Department in Scott's army during the Mexican invasion. He was an expert wheelwright and his duty was the repairing of cannon carriages at the battlefront. He entered the City of Mexico with General Scott. Stewart Snyder was distinguished by a love of fine horses. He sold Chauncey H. Andrews his first brood mare. Stewart Snyder died in 1899, at the age of seventy-nine, and his wife passed away in 1904, aged seventy-six. She was a Lutheran while he was a Presbyterian and Master Mason. They had a family of four daughters and three sons. Those still living besides George B. are: Kate, whose home is on Elm Street, Youngstown; B. F., with the Youngstown Candy Company; and Hallie, now Mrs. Wilson, of Plattsburg, New York.

George B. Snyder finished his education in the Rayen High School, and his first employment was in the McKelvey store. After four years there in 1888 he was appointed a city mail carrier and a year later was promoted to superintendent of carriers. In 1891 he resigned from the postoffice to join the staff of the Youngstown Vindicator. In 1894 he was appointed by President Cleveland as the Youngstown postmaster and served until 1898. He then resumed his associations with the Vindicator, and for eight years was its city editor, continuing until he again became postmaster by appointment of President Wilson on January 15, 1914. He still keeps up his newspaper work, being correspondent for the Mahoning Valley and Youngstown department of the Pittsburg Dispatch. Mr. Snyder is a democrat, a member of the Youngstown Rotary Club, a Mason, an Elk, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

April 16, 1895, he married Miss Nettie Walter, a daughter of Anton W. Walter, of Canton, Ohio. They have two children, George B., Jr., and Mary Louise, now the wife of George Taylor Evans. Lieutenant George B. Snyder, Jr., now manager of

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the Woolworth Store at Niles, Michigan, was trained in the Central Officers Training School at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, for the Field Artillery, where he received his commission as lieutenant. He is the youngest thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner in Michigan.

WILLIS W. GLASS, principal of the Warren Township, Trumbull County, school, a large school needing nine teachers for its more than 300 pupils, is widely know as a capable educator. He is professionally well regarded throughout three counties; has for thirty-two years had active and creditable connection with the teaching profession in Mahoning, Portage and Trumbull counties of Ohio; and for twenty-one years has been in highest academic responsibility, as principal and superintendent of schools. As such he is known and esteemed in North Jackson, Palmyra, Paris Township, and Warren Township; and for three years he was district supervisor of schools, with jurisdiction over forty teachers. It will therefore be seen that Mr. Glass's connection with educational development in the Mahoning Valley during the last three decades has been consequential. Personally, Mr. Glass is a man of many outstanding characteristics; he is of commanding authoritative presence; has a strong personality; and an intellectual bearing. He appears to combine much of the physical excellence of his father and his paternal grandfather with the stronger mentality and inclination to academic pursuits of some of his maternal ancestors; but his success as an educator has of course been directly due to his own efforts; to his own comprehensiveness of preparation, which preparation included training in two normal schools, and to an innate thoroughness in execution, and also of course to a marked lucidity as a teacher and an appreciative, tolerant yet constructive understanding and supervision as a principal. Many qualities, other than academic learning, are necessary to constitute an able school principal, sincerity of interest in the educational welfare of students being not the least important of such qualities, for to gain proper results, the instructor must first gain the confidence of his pupils; and he must have an appreciative understanding of the trials of teachers, as well as a quick recognition of the quandaries that at times cause even the earnest and apt student to act with seeming and irritating stupidity. In other words, a school principal must in addition to his wide academic learning to be successful, be a man of good common sense and of broad understanding of human nature. Such qualities Mr. Glass has shown in his three decades as an educator.

Willis W. Glass was born in Palmyra Centre, Portage County, Ohio, January 15, 1873, the son of John L. and Lucinda (Gray) Glass. The family is of colonial Dutch ancestry, early resident in Pennsylvania, and four generations have now had residence in the Mahoning Valley. The paternal grandfather of Willis W. Glass originally settled in Milton Township, Mahoning County, Ohio; and there John L., father of Willis W., was born in 1846. John L. Glass grew to manhood in Milton Township, and married there. He was a tow mill worker, and soon after he had married he moved to Palmyra Centre, where their son Willis W. was born. Later, he settled near Pricetown, a hamlet on the Mahoning River, on the county line between Mahoning and Trumbull counties, and about two miles from the present home of Willis W. Glass. John L. Glass is now in comparative retirement, but notwithstanding his seventy-four years is still active and not aged in appearance; in fact, he is remarkably well-preserved, and has scarcely a gray hair. His life has been an active one, and his inclinations have been ever to mechanics. For such problems he seemed to have a natural aptitude. He has never been disposed to take part in public affairs, and has never sought political office, although he is a man well esteemed in the district, and might have had office in the local administration had he so wished. He has been a widower for four years, his wife dying in Milton Township, in 1916. Their three children were: Albert, who was a machinist, and died at the age of forty-one years; Willis W., a review of whose life and work in the Mahoning Valley is the main object of this sketch; Elmer J., who is now a successful farmer in Braceville Township, Trumbull County, but who in young manhood was for five years a teacher in schools of Trumbull and Portage counties.

Willis W. Glass spent his early schooldays in Pricetown and having resolved to qualify for entrance to the teaching profession, eventually became a student at the Ohio North Eastern Normal College at Canfield, taking a course subsequently at the Kent Normal School also. He appears to have been an apt student, for he was only fifteen years old when he began to teach in a Trumbull County school. His record of thirty-two years' service as an educator in schools of Mahoning, Portage and Trumbull counties, includes twenty-one years as principal and superintendent. He was principal of North Jackson School, of Palmyra School and of Warren Township School; was superintendent of schools of Paris Township; and for three years was district supervisor of schools in a large district, and as such was responsible for the efficiency of forty teachers. He has for four years been principal of the Warren Township School, at Leavittsburg, about four miles to the westward of the City of Warren, and has brought that school up to a high grade of educational excellence. Application was recently made for a graded-school charter for the Warren Township School, which has over three hundred pupils and a teaching staff of nine, and the directors are apparently well satisfied with the administration of Mr. Glass. Mr. Glass is evidently a man of much energy and industriousness, for, notwithstanding his academic ties, he owns and farms an extensive agricultural acreage. He has two farms, one in Braceville Township and one of 200 acres in Newton Township, Trumbull County, that farm bordering Portage County. Upon the latter farm he resides; and by consistent, persistent, and well-directed effort has brought that farm into excellent condition. His success as an agriculturist has in itself been quite appreciable, for in the course of years of personal application, employing little or no outside help, he

has without initial capital of any consequence, earned title to two rich and well-improved farms. He has a fine new dwelling on the Newton Township farm, and has at his hand modern machinery and good general equipment for dairy farming. He has a large bank barn, a sufficient silo, and many other evidences of skillful farming. His farming pursuits, which he enjoys, have kept him in vigorous health, and his mental activities in academic connection, have most probably been all the more effective in consequence of his healthful hobbies. He closely follows all developments in education, and has given deep thought to the modern trend of public school education. He sees a need of a closer attention to mathematics in school curriculum; knows the value, in mental discipline, of mathematics; and deplores the modern tendency as not truly educative. He sees a lack of thought cultivation, and his philosophical mind brings him more and more to realize that there is no royal road to education that broadens. He is a man of good Christian spirit, and knows the value upon the youth of a strict observance of religious practices; and he fully realizes the power of parental example, viewing the modern inclination in parents to sabbatical laxity as a matter of grave concern to the child.

Politically, Mr. Glass is a republican, although he has not actively participated in political campaigns; his life has been divided between academic and agricultural pursuits, the former of course predominating. His association with farming, however, has caused him to become, to some extent, identified with the functioning of the local Grange; and, fraternally, he is a Mason.

Mr. Glass has been twice married; his first wife, whom he married in 1893, was Minnie Hudson of Paris Township, Portage County. For some years she was a music teacher and she was a woman of refinement. She died in 1915, and in the next year, 1916, Mr. Glass married Edith Petry, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, who was also formerly in the teaching profession. The five children of Mr. Glass were all born to his first wife; the children are: Ruby, who married Harry Miller, of Warren; Arthur, who graduated from the Newton Falls High School, and is at home with his parent; Raymond, a graduate of the same school, and now in industrial life, a mechanic; Mildred, a high school student; Mabel, now in the graded school.

Victor Olson. Thirty years ago Victor Olson was hardly to be distinguished from other hundreds of toilers around the iron and steel plants of the Youngstown District. He could speak a few words only of broken English, and probably the most encouraging sign as to his future was his regular attendance at night school after a day's hard labor was completed.

Now and for some years past Mr. Olson has been head of the Olson Contracting Company, and as a contractor of roads and buildings his achievements are in evidence in half a dozen states.

Mr. Olson was born on a farm in Sweden August 1, 1872, son of John August and Elizabeth Matilda Olson, also natives of Sweden. His father died in 1884, at the age of fifty. Victor was then twelve years of age, and he was given the principal responsibilities in connection with the home farm until his mother married again, in 1888. She is still living in Sweden.

In 1888, at the age of sixteen, Mr. Olson came to the United States. His first regular employment was in the blast furnace of the Brier Hill Steel Company at Youngstown. On arriving in America he was unable to speak a word of English. During his first six years at Youngstown he pursued the unvarying routine of working in the furnaces and mills ten and twelve hours and attending night school when many of his companions were either asleep or enjoying themselves. Every two weeks there would occur a change from the day to the night shift and in these alternating periods he would keep up his studies in the day time. His first wage was ninety cents a day. For fourteen years he was one of the faithful and hard working employes of the Brier Hill Company and the Youngstown Steel Company, and after his skill and earnestness were recognized he was frequently promoted. At one time he was assistant shipping clerk and weighmaster.

For three years Mr. Olson was inspector of work for the engineering department of the City of Youngstown. He resigned that position to engage in contracting for himself. In the early years he specialized in sewer and cement construction, but in later years his contracts have taken on broader scope, and his business is practically country wide. The aggregate of his business would count up in the many millions, and he has given employment to thousands of men. At the present time he has a contract in Youngstown calling for $250,000 worth of material and work, besides contracts in Akron, Ohio, of equal size. He has just completed a $500,000 road contract in the State of Delaware. Mr. Olson personally is big and strong, possessing an unbounded supply of energy and has the hard sense and the keen intellect that enable him to steer successfully among the many difficulties affecting the contracting business. Mr. Olson had the contract for the construction of the first ten miles of the National Road in Ohio.

He is a man of many other business interests. He is a director of the Home Building and Finance Company, a director of the South Side Bank, the South Side Savings and Loan Company, the Collateral and Loan Company, is one of the trustees of the Builders Exchange, and is in partnership with Peterson Brothers in men's furnishing goods and shoe store on Market Street.

During the past thirty years Mr. Olson has seen Youngstown leap forward into rank with the first of American industrial centers, and his full influence has been given to that growth and development. For twenty years he has been chairman of the trustees of the Swedish Mission and is president of the Scandanavian Republican Club. July 11, 1896, he married Miss Minnie Emelia Linstrum, who was born at Jamestown, New York, daughter of John and Annie (Larson) Linstrum. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have six daughters and one son: Gertrude Emelia, Mabel Elizabeth, Chauncey Emanuel, Hazel

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Victoria, Isabel Ereika, Helen Mae and Burnice Louise.

Edward A. Grimm. Among the men of the Mahoning Valley who, by what they have achieved in business endeavor and for what they have done and are doing for the welfare of the community, have earned honorable mention in the written history of the valley, is Edward A. Grimm, of Warren. For twenty years he has been a factor in the business and civic affairs of the city, and has labored not only to get and to have something for himself but to give something of himself for the benefit of future generations.

Mr. Grimm is descended from two old Pennsylvania Dutch families. His parents were born in Pennsylvania and there spent their entire lives. His father, John L. Grimm, was born at Freedom in Beaver County in 1842, while his mother, Mary E. (Harpst) Grimm, was born in Mercer County in 1848.

Their son Edward A. was born at Sharon, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1873, and attended the public schools of that city. Business experience began for him very young, first as a newsboy and then as clerk in a store. In his nineteenth year he engaged in business on his own account, opening a store at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. This he continued to operate until 1902, in which year he removed to Warren, and for the following eight years was engaged in a millinery and art store in Warren. In 1910 he disposed of that business, gave up commercial pursuits and entered the field of real estate, in which he has since continued.

That business, considering the conditions in and around Warren during the last decade, has been nothing less than a real public service. His dealings were started on a modest scale, rapidly grew in volume, and soon expanded to include the building of homes to be sold on easy payment. He laid out what are known as Grimm's First, Second, Third and Fourth allotments, upon which he built a large number of modern homes, and by doing so helped to solve in a measure the housing problem which confronted Warren, and also contributed to the growth of the city by enabling it to take advantage of the industrial opportunities of the last few years.

Aside from his real estate and building program Mr. Grimm has other interests. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Savings Company of Warren and holds a financial interest in several other local corporations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Warren Board of Trade, and is a charter member and was the first treasurer of the Warren Rotary Club, is a member of the board of directors of the Warren Automobile Club, and a member of Warren Lodge of Elks.

Soon after America entered the war with Germany Mr. Grimm gave up his business entirely and for the next two and a half years subordinated his private interests and recognized for that period no other call as imperative beyond patriotic duty to his country. While thus striving to render all aid to his government at home, his only son was "doing his bit" as a soldier in France, and thus they were a mutual inspiration to each other.

Mr. Grimm's first notable service was rendered as county manager for the Warren Automobile Club in that organization's war work during the second Liberty Loan campaign, his jurisdiction extending all over Trumbull County outside the cities of Warren and Niles. The Warren Automobile Club organized for the express purpose of performing war work in the United States. The results achieved gained for the club national fame and its example was copied in every state in the Union. Mr. Grimm was also county chairman of the committee during the second, third, fourth and fifth campaigns and was continuously county chairman for the War Savings Stamps sales. In each campaign his committee secured the full quota of sales allotted to it. Mr. Grimm was also "big chief" of the "Strong Armed Crew" later known as the "Wrecking Crew," an organization which looked after all slackers and other characters whose actions and talk became obnoxious to patriotic people of Trumbull County. His official work in these different war organizations continued until January 1, 1920. He also rendered much valuable aid to the Red Cross and War Chest campaigns, and after the signing of the armistice and the return of the soldiers, as custodian of the Warren Armory, he lost no opportunity to aid in relief and entertainment in behalf of the boys who came back.

Mr. Grimm married Miss Etta Fox of Warren, who is now deceased. To their marriage was born one son, Theodore H., who was among the first fifteen boys from Warren to volunteer and enlist for military service in the World war. He received his military training at Camp Sherman and went overseas with the famous Sixth Regiment of Infantry of the regulars as a private in Company K. He was with Company K on the different western fronts of France, where all of its officers above the rank of sergeant were killed in action. He accompanied his regiment into Germany, the Sixth having been the only regiment in the American Expeditionary Forces to do active duty in Germany prior to the signing of the armistice. Young Grimm was on duty when hostilities ceased and was mustered out of the service and discharged a first sergeant.

Hon. William Bishop Kilpatrick, attorney of Warren, has lived in the Mahoning valley all his life and for over twenty years has been prominent in the political and civic history of Warren and Trumbull County. Three times he was elected and served as mayor of Warren, was twice a member of the Legislature from Trumbull County, and was a delegate from his home county and one of the prominent workers in the Ohio Constitutional Convention of 1912.

This branch of the Kilpatrick family is of Irish stock and both grandparents of the present generation were born in Ireland. William Kilpatrick, father of the Warren attorney, was born in this country, was reared in the East, learned the trade of iron moulder, and in early manhood came to Warren where his brother was at that time living. In War-

ren he married Grace Hull, daughter of an early citizen in the Western Reserve. William Kilpatrick died at Warren in April, 1914, and his wife in 1908.

William Bishop Kilpatrick was born at Warren September 5, 1877, and graduated from the city high school in 1896. His law studies were carried on in the office of the late George P. Hunter, and was admitted to the bar in 1901. In the past twenty years he has earned an enviable reputation as a safe counselor, and while much of his time has been taken up by important legal cases he has also been generous of his professional services in behalf of interests that give little or no remuneration.

In 1899, two years before he was admitted to the bar, Mr. Kilpatrick received his first political honor when he was elected on the democratic ticket a member of the Warren City Council. He was then just twenty-one years of age. He served a year and declined re-election. In 1901 and again in 1903 he was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for mayor. While defeated he enjoyed the satisfaction of greatly reducing the large republican majority each time. In 1905 the party again put him at the head of the ticket, and in that campaign he was successful. His administration was efficient and all that his best friends and supporters had predicted. In 1907 occurred a strenuous and bitter campaign in which he was re-elected. Mr. Kilpatrick has the distinction of being the first democratic mayor of Warren since the Civil war and one of only two democratic mayors ever elected in the city. In 1908 he was democratic candidate for Common Pleas judge. His republican opponent was also a resident of Warren, and while the republicans carried the outlying district and defeated Mr. Kilpatrick, there was a compensation for the latter in the fact that he carried his home city and reduced the republican majority in the district as it had never before been reduced.

In 1909 Mr. Kilpatrick was elected as a democrat from Trumbull County to the Ohio Legislature and re-elected in 1911, being one of the very useful members of two sessions. While still a member of the Legislature in 1912 he was chosen to represent Trumbull County at the Constitutional Convention.

In 1915 came his third election as mayor of Warren, and he served at the head of the city government during two important years, 1915-17. From this overwhelming evidence it is obvious to conclude that Mr. Kilpatrick is easily the most popular member of his party in Trumbull County.

In many branches of civic life he has also been prominent. He has been president and attorney of the Trumbull County Humane Society since 1902, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Trumbull County Children's Home. He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. August 11, 1905, Mr. Kilpatrick married Miss Dorothy Robbins, daughter of Charles C. and Jennie Robbins of Mesapotamia, Ohio. They have a family of four children: Bishop, Page, W. B. and Grace.

Wilber B. Young. In writing of the talented, energetic and progressive men who have been prominent and influential in the upbuilding of Youngstown, special mention should be made of Wilber B. Young, a live, wide-awake contractor who has been closely associated with the building activities of the city for many years, and as one of its busiest and most popular contractors has erected many of its more important and substantial business buildings and handsome residences. A native of Youngstown, he was born November 24, 1883, a son of Arthur George Young, and grandson of George A. Young, who spent a large part of his life in the Mahoning Valley.

Born and educated in Baltimore, Maryland, George A. Young as a boy of fourteen years came with Colonel Hillman to Mahoning County, and here learned the trade of a cooper and of a furrier. He subsequently located in Youngstown, establishing his home at the corner of Champion and Front streets. He was quite a noted character in his day, taking a personal interest in local progress and improvement, and with his good wife being especially active in church affairs and in the religious training of the children, the first Baptist Sunday School formed in the city having been organized at the old Young homestead. He lived to the venerable age of four score and four years.

Born in Youngstown on the parental homestead, Arthur G. Young continued a resident of the city until his death in 1910, at the age of fifty-six years. Possessing artistic and mechanical ability as a youth, he studied architecture under a skilled architect, Mr. Ellis, and for a period of thirty-five years was actively employed as a contractor, erecting among other structures worthy of note the Stambaugh-Thompson Hardware Store, and many of the attractive residences on Wick Avenue. He was a builder in every sense implied by the term, and an earnest supporter of all projects tending toward the betterment of the community. Fraternally he belonged to the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was also a member of various other lodges, clubs and commercial organizations, being prominent and active in each.

The maiden name of the wife of Arthur G. Young was Ella Pollock. She was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Amandus Pollock, and here spent her brief life, dying in early womanhood. She was the mother of four children, namely: Wilber B., the subject of this sketch; Cora Dill, wife of W. G. Wilson, secretary of the Pollock Company of Youngstown; Myrtle, wife of O. E. Hawk, of Youngstown, head of the firm of Hawk & Palmer; and Elizabeth, who was the wife of R. L. Kernochan, and died at her home in Titusville, Pennsylvania, at a comparatively early age.

Wilber B. Young acquired his early education in Youngstown, and after his graduation from the Rayen High School traveled extensively, visiting different places in the north, south, east and west, and as a contractor in various lines worked in New Orleans, San Francisco, and various other large cities. In April, 1918, he organized the Wilber B. Young Construction Company, and has since filled numerous contracts of note, among others having built the Hippodrome Theatre; the Barrett Com-

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pany Tar Products Plant; the Century Building; the Jonathan Warren farm buildings; the Strouss residence; one hundred houses, on one contract, for the Sheet & Tube Works; and many other prominent buildings.

Mr. Young married, June 22, 1912, Miss Lillian, daughter of Daniel Gordon, of the Carnegie Steel Plant, and they have two children, Alicean and Wilber B., Jr. Fraternally Mr. Young is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and likewise of the Youngstown Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Youngstown Club.

Edwin Clyde Ferguson is owner and proprietor of the Rexall Drug Store at Niles. He is a pharmacist by profession, and was connected with a number of drug establishments in the Mahoning Valley before he engaged in business for himself. He takes pride in his work, and has one of the best systematized as well as one of the most prosperous establishments of the kind in Trumbull County.

Mr. Ferguson was born at Uhrichsville, Ohio, March 28, 1881, son of Samuel P. and Sarah (Johnson) Ferguson. His father was born in 1857 and his mother in 1863. Samuel P. Ferguson has spent most of his life as a farmer in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. For several years he lived at Uhrichsville, Ohio, and then returned to his farm and is now retired at Mount Jackson, Pennsylvania. Besides his interests as a farmer he has served as tax collector in Lawrence County, and has always exercised much influence in republican politics in his section of the country. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Samuel Ferguson and wife have two children, Edwin Clyde and Mary, who lives at Hillville, Pennsylvania, the widow of Ira Baird.

Edwin Clyde Ferguson did not remain on the farm long. He graduated from the Mount Jackson High School, attended the Slippery Rock State Normal, and studied pharmacy in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. He was in Youngstown for some time, with the Krauters Drug Store and the Fred Gibson Drug Company. In 1902 he became associated with E. H. Lotze at Girard, and then came to Niles. For a time he was in the B. F. Griffith store, following which for nine years he was a partner in the firm of Kennedy & Ferguson. When the partnership was dissolved he purchased his partner's interest and engaged in business for himself. Like other stores of the kind the Rexall at Niles specializes in high class drugs, and with its various departments it is one of the best stores and most liberally patronized by the public.

Mr. Ferguson is also a director of the McKinley Savings & Loan Company. He is a republican, is a Knight Templar Mason, is affiliated with Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, and belongs to the Elks and Knights of Pythias. In 1905 he married Edna L. Adams, a daughter of F. R. Adams. They have two daughters, Katherine and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are members of the Methodist Church.

Frank Asa Doughton, the present trustee of Hubbard Township, is a practical business man as well as a successful farmer and is widely known as such in Trumbull County. He assumed business responsibilities when a mere youth, and has always been in direct contact with large affairs and has shown a steadily increasing public spirit in everything that concerns the welfare of his locality. He taught school for a number of years in the vicinity of Hubbard.

Mr. Doughton, whose home is six miles northeast of Youngstown, was born in Hubbard Township on the Youngstown-Hubbard road, February 17, 1863. His birthplace was the first settlement in Trumbull County of grandfather David Doughton. David Doughton was a soldier in the War of 1812 and a man of a great deal of enterprise and spirit, sufficient evidence of which is found in the fact that he died at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, while en route to California in pioneer days in 1849, being at that time seventy-nine years of age. A monument has since been erected to his memory in Hubbard. The old brick house he built is still standing.

Stephen Doughton, father of Frank Asa, was a natural business executive and his interests were widely diversified. He owned a number of farms, including the Jewell farm on Doughton road. For a number of years he lived at Lisbon, Ohio, and was also an iron producer at Leetonia, being a member of the firm Chamberlain, Mathers & Doughton. He was a close friend of J. G. Butler and moved in a circle with many of the prominent business men of the day. He exploited a number of coal fields, finding and testing out new fields, and after proving their value leased them for operations to practical miners. He became owner of the North farm, a part of the five hundred acre tract acquired by the pioneer, George North. This also included the Bussey farm, where Frank Asa Doughton lives. From Lisbon Stephen Doughton moved to the Jewell farm, and carried on business on a large scale. He frequently had a hundred cows, many horses and other livestock. He established and operated a cheese factory, buying much milk from other producers as well as that produced in his own dairy. He received large royalties from the Brookfield coal mines, and in early life was a lumber manufacturer, operating three mills over a large area. He made a practice of buying timber tracts and converting them into lumber. Stephen Doughton was a man above the ordinary in intelligence, and possessed a college education acquired in Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania. He was a sound thinker and could express himself well in public addresses, and frequently took the stump during political campaigns. He was a democrat and at one time a friend of the prominent Ohio democrat Vollandingham. He believed in good schools, served a number of terms on school boards, and in early life was a member of the Disciples Church, but in Lisbon belonged to the Baptist denomination.

Stephen Doughton married Emeline Waldorf, of Brookfield Township, where she was born, a daughter of Asa Waldorf. She died at Lisbon in the fall of 1865. Stephen Doughton was born April 10, 1823, and died March 28, 1909, at the age of eighty-six. His later wife was Mrs. Jesse Jones, and they had a child, Stephen, now a newspaper man in New York City. By the first marriage there were seven

children: Charles David, who remained on the farm and died at the age of thirty-two; Andrew, who at the age of thirteen was drowned while saving the life of a companion; Emma, who died in childhood; Clara Alice, who became the wife of Doctor Graham, of Lisbon, and both are now deceased; Harriet, Mrs. William Wallace, of Youngstown; Frank A.; and John, a contractor and owner of the old Jewell farm, living at Hubbard.

Frank Asa Doughton was twelve years of age when the family moved to the Jewell farm. He had attended the schools at Lisbon, and after completing his education he was commissioned with rapidly increasing responsibilities by his father in looking after several farms. At his father's death he was appointed administrator of the estate, one of the largest of the township. Mr. Doughton acquired as his share the Bussey farm of a hundred forty acres, and has made that the scene of a busy life. One important feature is a large orchard, principally peaches, and fruit culture has been profitable in his experience. He also kept a dairy and operated a milk route in Youngstown, had been a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, and especially during his father's lifetime bred and trained many fine trotting horses. His father always enjoyed a fine looking horse. Mr. Doughton enjoys all clean sports and nothing better than a good horse race. Besides the business of his farm he is a road contractor, and has done his share toward constructing some of the good roads in Hubbard and Liberty townships. Politically he is independent, and was recently elected township trustee. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Coalburg, serving as trustee of the local lodge for several years, and has also attended sessions of the Grand Lodge.

At the age of twenty-one he married Martha Walters, of Coalburg, a Hubbard Township girl. Five children were born to their marriage. Wallace, who is in the welfare department of the Brier Hill Iron & Steel Company; Clara, who lives at Sharon, Pennsylvania, where her husband, Thomas Harris, is yardmaster for the Erie Railway and is also vice president of the Gas Company at McKeesport; Harriet, wife of Archibald Brown, a draftsman in Youngstown, her home being with Mr. Doughton; Bettie, employed in an office at Sharon; and Stephen, who is with the Truscon Company at Youngstown.

Lynn B. Dana. The Dana family has been prominent in the Mahoning Valley for three generations. The family is of New England stock, and has given to the world a number of men who were leaders in the arts, education, journalism and the ministry. Professor Dana of Yale University, and Charles A. Dana of the New York Sun were of this family.

The New England ancestor was Jacob Dana, of Pomfret, Connecticut. His son, Andrew, was a native of Connecticut, and figured prominently in the local history of that state. Daniel, son of Andrew, was killed in the battle of Wyoming. His son, Daniel II, who was also born in Connecticut, was graduated from Yale College in 1782, and started west to Warren, Ohio, in 1829, undertaking the long journey with his family in a wagon. While en route, his wife died at Girard, Pennsylvania, and burying her by the roadside, he returned to Connecticut, and it was not until the following year, that he again set out for Warren. However, he did not settle at Warren after all, but at West Farmington, in Trumbull County.

Junius Dana, son of Daniel II, was born in New Hampshire, and came to Warren, Ohio, in 1830, and for many years was a leading man in the Mahoning Valley. He was Warren's leading school teacher from 1840 to 1848; he was one of the promoters and organizers, and also a director, of the Cleveland & Mahoning Railway, which was the first railroad to be built to run through Trumbull County, and is now included as a part of the Erie Railroad System. He was a director of the old First National Bank of Warren, and was cofounder of and secretary of the Dana Musical Institute of Warren. For a time he was financially interested with Charles A. Dana in the publication of the New York Sun. The death of this representative man occurred at Warren in 1907. His wife, Martha (Potter) Dana, died at Warren in 1887.

Prof. William Henry Dana, son of Junius and Martha (Potter) Dana, was born at Warren, Ohio, on June 10, 1846, and became a most distinguished educator, author and lecturer on the subject of music. He was academically educated in the Warren public schools and Williston Seminary at Williston, Massachusetts. In 1862 he left the Warren High School and enlisted for service in the war between the states, and served his first enlistment in the One Hundred and Seventy-First Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regulars, being in the West under General Burbridge, and in the Shenandoah Valley under General Hancock. At different times he was attached to the staffs of Generals Hancock, Brooks and Shoeff. When the war was over Professor Dana took up the study of music under leading eastern masters, and then was engaged in teaching music at Warren for a number of years. Later he studied music at Berlin, Germany, and the Royal Academy of Music, London, England, from which he received a diploma.

In 1869 Professor Dana returned to Warren and established the Dana Musical Institute, which was developed into what is now one of the most famous schools of music in the world, through his efforts and enthusiasm. In 1880 he traveled abroad, visiting Scandinavia, Russia and other parts of Europe and in the Arctic regions. The Dana Musical Institute was but a modest institution at the time of its foundation, but it grew in size and fame from year to year until it was and is now recognized as one of four of the greatest schools of music in the world, and today is the only university of the world where daily instructions are given in every branch of musical education. It is the only school of music supporting its own string quartette, string orchestra, symphony orchestra, military concert band and chorus, with a staff of fourteen, and an enrollment representing every state in the Union, Canada, Hawaii, Cuba, and the Philippines.

Professor Dana won distinction not alone as an instructor of music, but also both as an author and lecturer on musical topics. He was the author of

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several volumes, all of which are today standard text books on music. He was American editor of the "Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians," published at Glasgow, Scotland; he assisted in the preparation of other works, and was a contributor to magazine literature. He was a member of the National Educational Association and read a paper before that organization. One of the three who founded the Music Teachers' National Association, he served it as treasurer for a number of years. He was a graduate of the American College of Musicians and one of its executives; a fellow of the Royal Academy of Music of London, England, a member of the Authors' Club of the same city, and was awarded a diploma by the Universal Exposition of Music held at Bologna, Italy in 1888. Professor Dana had still other claims to distinction, for he was a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion, a thirty-second degree Mason and was active in civic affairs, serving as councilman at Warren, and was prominent in many other ways, being recognized as an authority on public matters as well as on music. He died at Warren in 1906.

Professor Dana was united in marriage with Emma Jane Tuttle, who was born in New York, a daughter of Rev. William S. and Jane L. (Pratt) Tuttle, of Akron, New York. Mrs. Dana died in 1912 at the age of sixty-two years. The children born to Professor Dana and his wife were as follows: J. LeRoy, who is now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Lynn B., who lives at Warren; Beatrice D. Stiles, who is a resident of Buffalo, New York; and Martha D. Huntley, who is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

Lynn B. Dana was born at Middleport, New York, on October 15, 1875. He was educated in the Warren public schools and gained his early musical training at the Dana Musical Institute, of which he is now the guiding genius. He was a pupil in piano under Anton Di Kontski, Jacob Schmitt, William H. Sherwood and Robert Goldbeck, and a pupil in theory and pipe organ under his father. He has been a concert pianist and accompanist since 1897; director of Dana Symphony Orchestra since 1901, and president of the institute since 1906, at which time, following the death of his father, he succeeded that illustrious gentleman. Mr. Dana was assistant musical director of the music at Chautauqua Institution at Chautauqua, New York, for thirteen years. He wrote the music for the cornerstone ceremonies and composed a special oratorio—"The Triumph of Faith," for the dedication of the Birthplace Memorial of William McKinley at Niles, Ohio.

Like his father, Mr. Dana is a man of affairs, being now a director of the National American Musical Festival, of Lockport, New York, and was president of the Ohio Music Teachers' Association for 1914, 1915 and 1916. He served as a member of Company C, Second Ohio Infantry in the Spanish-American war in 1898. As a thirty-second degree Mason and president of the Warren Masonic Club, he is well known in Masonry. Mr. Dana is a director of the Hotel Warren corporation, a member of Warren Board of Trade, and secretary of the Warren Rotary Club.

On June 21, 1901, Mr. Dana was united in marriage with Retta C. Nimocks, a daughter of G. W. and Hattie E. (Newell) Nimocks, of Great Bend, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Dana have one son, Lynn B. Dana, Jr., who was born on March 7, 1911.

Elton G Dunlap. To prosper in a business way, to be a useful and respected citizen, and to find happiness in social and home surroundings, is probably the aim of the majority of well brought up, wholesome American youths when they leave their school days behind them. The climb upward is undoubtedly harder for some than others and industry and integrity are required of all, but failure can scarcely come when enterprise and enthusiasm continue. Like many other young men, Elton G. Dunlap, treasurer of the Youngstown & Sharon Street Railway Company, gained his initial business experience in other than the line with which he has been identified for almost twenty years.

Elton G. Dunlap was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, October 20, 1881, and is a son of Homer and Martha (Rogers) Dunlap, who still reside on their farm in Trumbull County, in which county their parents were early settlers. Elton G. Dunlap attended the country schools in early boyhood and later the high school at Girard, and following his graduation from the same, taught school for a year. During the next year he was with the Youngstown Dry Goods Company as a clerk, and for six months was with the Pennsylvania & Lake Erie Railroad Company. In 1901 he accepted the position of night ticket agent at Youngstown, for the Youngstown & Sharon Street Railway Company, and has been identified with this corporation ever since, climbing step by step, serving in every subordinate position until 1911, when he was elected treasurer of the company. He has some additional business interests at Youngstown, among which may be included the Cohasset Realty Company, of which he was one of the organizers and is present secretary.

In 1903 Mr. Dunlap was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Smallcombe, who was born in England and was brought to America by her aunt, Miss Anna Greenwood. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have one son, Homer, who was born in 1905 and is yet attending school. The family belongs to Central Christian Church at Youngstown. During the World war Mr. Dunlap was patriotically active and was a member of the American Protective League.

James Henry Nutt. For over forty years James Henry Nutt, a prominent citizen of Youngstown has been officially identified with labor interests in the Mahoning Valley, in which his intelligent understanding, his calm, sober judgment and his stern sense of justice have made him invaluable. Despite the worrying cares of an unusually busy life, the years have passed over him kindly, and at an age when many men long for ease and retirement, he is still directing important organizations and deciding questions of grave responsibility.

James Henry Nutt was born in Worcestershire, England, November 19, 1848, a son of Thomas and Ann Nutt. His father was a tin plate worker, or "tinner" of Worcestershire, and both parents died in England. The son's educational privileges were restricted, as he was only nine years old when he went

to work in a tin mill, where he continued, becoming a sheet mill worker, until nineteen years old. In 1868 he came to the United States feeling sure of finding employment, in which he was not disappointed, for the mills at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, wanted experienced men. From there he went to New York, thence to Ohio, and in 1876 became an employe in the Brown-Bonnell mill at Youngstown, in which he worked as a heater until 1891.

In the meanwhile Mr. Nutt had become a man of some public importance at Youngstown, in 1884 being elected city councilman on the republican ticket, and served the city three terms, and in 1891 was appointed city commissioner. In this office he was active in the legislation that brought the electric light plants to the city and resulted in electrifying the street railways. After an extended period of usefulness, Mr. Nutt resigned from the city commission board in order to be free to accept the office of commissioner of the Labor Bureau of the Mahoning Valley Manufacturers' Association. This position was a newly made one and Mr. Nutt was the first incumbent, and later when the work of the bureau was extended to include all western manufacturers of steel, and the Republic Iron & Steel Company, he served as secretary of the labor bureau and continued until 1906.

Mr. Nutt was one of the organizers of the Western Bar Iron Association, which takes in all iron mills from Pittsburgh west to the coast, and has been secretary of this body since 1906. In 1912 he was one of the organizers of the Western Sheet & Tinplate Manufacturers' Association, composed of independent sheet and tin mills negotiating with the amalgamated associations, and has been secretary ever since. While still a mill employe, he was selected to represent the amalgamated interests at various labor conferences between the men and the manufacturers, and his careful handling of weighty questions was responsible for his selection as a member of the labor bureau. As an honest, sincere, just and intelligent man, he enjoys confidence and universal respect. Few men are better acquainted with the labor question in the Mahoning Valley District than Mr. Nutt.

On November 26, 1871, Mr. Nutt was married to Miss Sarah Ward, of Boston, Massachusetts, and of their nine children the following are living: Harry W., who is a mechanical engineer residing in Boston; Albert James, who is a contractor at Toledo, and George, who was a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, serving sixteen months during the World war, and now a medical practitioner at Youngstown. A daughter, Edith, now deceased, was the wife of Dr. Emmus G. Twitchell, who served as captain with the Medical Reserve Corps in France, during the World war.

Mr. Nutt served on the board of education at Youngstown from 1912 until 1916, when he resigned to accept the position of safety director under Mayor Thornton. In connection with that office different lines of war work brought Mr. Nutt into touch with every committee formed to assist in the prosecution of the war. No more loyal or effective choice could have been made by Mayor Thornton. Mr. Nutt was made a Mason while living in New York, and he has attained the thirty-second degree, belonging to Lake Erie Consistory and the other bodies at Youngstown. He belongs also to the Mystic Shrine. Both Mr. Nutt and wife are members of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Elmer A. Osborne of Warren, is of the third generation of his branch of the Osborne family in the Mahoning Valley, of which his paternal grandfather, Abraham Osborne, was a pioneer resident, while his father, Allen Osborne, was born in the Valley. His maternal grandfather, Isaac Brobst, was an early settler in the vicinity of Leavittsburg, Trumbull County, while his mother, Harriet, was born on the old Brobst farm. Allen Osborne spent his life in Trumbull County and died here in 1879, but his widow still survives.

Elmer A. Osborne, commonly known as "the Suit Man," was born at Fosterville, just south of Youngstown, on February 1, 1875. His father dying when he was but four years old, he was taken by his maternal grandfather. He attended the district schools, and began his business career in 1900 as a grocery salesman at Warren, later becoming a clothing salesman. In 1909 he established himself independently as a dealer in clothing and men's furnishings at No. 29 Main Street, and from the start did such an excellent business that by 1915 his trade had outgrown his original quarters and he moved to 13 East Market Street, where he operates what is probably the leading establishment in his line at Warren. In addition to this concern, Mr. Osborne has other interests and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company, of Warren, and is also on the directorate of the Trumbull Banking Company of Girard, a subsidiary of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company. He is a member of the order of Odd Fellows, and of the Odd Fellows Club and the Rotary Club. The Warren Automobile Club, which rendered great aid during the various Liberty Loan campaigns in the great war, has Mr. Osborne as its vice president and he has always been a forceful factor in its management, and he was one of the leaders of its activities during the war.

Mr. Osborne was united in marriage with Anna Flowers, a daughter of George A. Flowers, formerly of Warren, but now of Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne have three children, namely: Hazel, Lee and Glen. Mr. Osborne is essentially a self-made man, and his success is entirely due to his own efforts. He is a man of large affairs, and is capable of administering them in an efficient manner, and also of giving to his community a whole-hearted service which cannot but prove of benefit to it. His family is one of the best known ones in the Valley, and he is living up to its traditions in every respect, and earning fresh laurels for the name by his enterprise and steadfast integrity. It is such men as Mr. Osborne who make a community stand out from its competitors in a favorable light, and attract to its midst new residents and fresh capital.

Judge David F. Griffith. Prominent for many years in the practice of law at Youngstown, and serving two successive terms on the Probate Court

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bench, Judge David F. Griffith has evidenced great legal ability, and has won high consideration as a jurist. To Judge Griffith belongs the distinction of having established the first Juvenile Court in Mahoning County and bringing into being the first Detention Home.

In the public schools of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, Mr. Griffith received his early educational training, then entered the Northeastern Ohio Normal College, and in 1890 was graduated from this institution with the degree of A. B. He then applied himself to the study of law under the supervision of Judge King and John E. McVey at Youngstown, and was admitted to the Ohio bar in October, 1894. He remained associated with the law firm of King & McVey until 1900, when he opened an office of his own and entered into general practice.

As have many other young men seeking a professional career, Mr. Griffith in earlier years found it expedient to add to his income, and he accomplished this by teaching school in the country districts for a time, and in the night schools of the City of Youngstown. Later he became superintendent of the Mineral Ridge schools and in this office continued for three years. He is still remembered at that point as an able educator. In a few years after entering upon the practice of law, he was admitted to the United States courts.

From early manhood Judge Griffith has been identified wtih the republican party, and on this ticket, in 1905, he was elected to the bench of the Probate Court. As judge of this court he served continuously until 1913, and on retirement returned once more to private practice. Mahoning County owes to Judge Griffith a debt of gratitude for his broadminded, conscientious efforts which brought about the establishing of the Juvenile Court, January 1, 1907, over which he presided with marked efficiency until 1913, his interest continuing until the completion of the Detention Home. His great efficiency on the bench led to his nomination at a later date for the Common Pleas bench, for the district comprising Mahoning, Trumbull and Portage counties. Although not elected, his vote was very flattering as indicating the confidence reposed in him and the general esteem in which he is held.

In 1891 Judge Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Hattie C. Phillips, of Canfield, Ohio. Mrs. Griffith formerly was a student in the Northwestern Ohio Normal College, and later became a teacher. Judge Griffith and wife have three children, namely: Mary Gertrude, Mildred Jean and Wendell.

Irvin W. Guthman. Youngstown has reason to be proud of the success achieved by many of the more recently established business houses here, as thus is proved the enterprise and reliability of some of her native sons. A ready example is found in the Guthman Electric Company, which was founded in 1915, by Irvin W. Guthman, who through industry and good judgment has won hearty recognition in the city's business life.

Irvin W. Guthman was born at Youngstown, Ohio, December 20, 1889. His parents were Elias L. and Hannah (Weil) Guthman, both now deceased. The father was born in Germany, and the mother was of German parentage. For many years the father was a retail jeweler at Youngstown, a member of the old jewelry house of Guthman Bros. & Company, no longer existing.

Mr. Guthman had school privileges at Youngstown, and after completing the high school course, entered plumbing establishment of L. B. Sheible & Son, as an apprentice, and continued there four years, during that time acquiring a thorough knowledge of the modern plumbing business. In 1914 he embarked in business for himself, in partnership with J. Howard Bothwell, under the firm style of the Bothwell-Guthman Electric Company, contractors. In August, 1915, Mr. Guthman sold his interest to Mr. Bothwell and established the Guthman Electric Company at 115 South Champion Street. In January, 1919, he moved to more commodious quarters at 29 South Phelps Street, where a large volume of business is being done. Mr. Guthman keeps five employes and gives personal attention to all contracts, some of these being the most important awarded in the city for some time, among them being all electrical work for the Youngstown Hippodrome, for the Young Men's Christian Association Building and for Rodef Sholem Temple.

On February 17, 1915, Mr. Guthman was united in marriage to Miss Leona Cohn, of Kane, Pennsylvania. He has never been particularly active in politics, but he has always been mindful of his city's best interests and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs additionally to the Credit Men's Association, and to the Automobile Club.

Frank E. Wilkin, who is auditor for the Mahoning & Shenango Railway & Light Company, is one of the men of Youngstown who has proven his reliability in numerous capacities and has been engaged in this line of endeavor for many years. He was born at Kenton, Ohio, November 28, 1866, a son of Curtis and Fietta (Bowman) Wilkin, both of whom are now deceased. Curtis Wilkin was for many years engaged in a real estate business, making a specialty of the handling of farm properties.

Frank E. Wilkin attended the public schools of Kenton, Ohio, and in 1884 matriculated at the Northern Ohio University, which he left in 1887 to enter the employ of the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland Railroad as telegrapher, and remained with that corporation until 1895, during that period being in the transportation department. Leaving that road, Mr. Wilkin entered the auditor's office of the Ohio Southern Railroad and from then on has devoted his abilities to auditing, rising until he is an expert in this difficult calling.

For some time Mr. Wilkin had been connected as auditor with the United Gas & Electric Light Corporation of 61 Broadway, New York City, New York, and his services were of such a nature that his superiors recognized that he was too good a man for the position he was holding so that when the Mahoning & Shenango Railway & Light Company came into the market for a man of superior attainments to become their auditor, Mr. Wilkin was recommended to them by his New York corporation, and his services were therefore secured, and he ar-

rived at Youngstown to assume the duties of his new position in November, 1918.

In 1895 Mr. Wilkin was united in marriage with Miss Clara V. Cobean of Lima, Ohio. A solid, dependable man, Mr. Wilkin has gained the confidence of his associates since coming to Youngstown and is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the city. While he is absorbed in his work, he nevertheless finds time to give current matters his earnest and intelligent consideration and when he acts it is only after due reflection. Knowing this, some of his friends have grown to depend upon his judgment and ask for his advice and govern themselves accordingly. Both he and his wife have gathered about them a congenial social circle and their pleasant home is oftentimes the scene of charming events, both of them being deservedly popular with their many friends.

Homer C. Robins. Not only is Homer C. Robins of Warren a successful merchant, but he is also equally prominent in banking circles, and his operations form an important part of the commercial activities of the city. He was born at Hanoverton, Columbiana County, Ohio, on February 13, 1881, a son of Rev. James W. and Jennie (Hare) Robins, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

The Robins family has been in Ohio for four generations. The American ancestor was Thomas J. Robins, great-grandfather of Homer C. Robins, who came to the United States from the Isle of Guernsey, where he was born, and settled in what is now Guernsey County, Ohio, which was named in honor of his old home. The log cabin which he built and in which he lived, is still standing, and is a relic of pioneer days in that region. He married Rebecca Fishel, a native of Ohio, of English parents.

Rev. James W. Robins was born near Pleasant City, Guernsey County, Ohio, and was for years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For six years he was district superintendent of the Akron District Methodist Episcopal Church, during which period he made his home at Warren. His death occurred in 1914 while he was serving as pastor of the Massillon, Ohio, Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, Jennie (Hare) Robins, was born in Noble County, Ohio, a daughter of Charles Hare, a native of Ireland, who for many years was a merchant and wool buyer at Summerfield, Noble County, Ohio, and at one time served as a member of the Ohio Legislature.

Homer C. Robins attended the Warren High School and then took the preparatory course at Mount Union College, and later the full classical course at that college from which he was graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and also completed a business course at that college, receiving a diploma. During his vacations and on Saturdays, he clerked in the clothing and men's furnishings store of Snyder & Campbell of Warren. After leaving college he became a regular clerk for that firm, rising to be one of its most reliable salesmen. During the period he was in the store he gained an intimate knowledge of merchandising first hand, and in 1912 he and Arthur W. Knapp formed the partnership of Robins & Knapp and bought out the old firm, since which time they have conducted the business, greatly enlarging it and meeting with increasing success with each year.

Mr. Robins has other interests for he is a director of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company of Warren; of the Trumbull Banking Company of Girard, Ohio; of the Warren Guaranteed Mortgage Company; and is a member of the Warren Board of Trade. He is a steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his fraternal connections he maintains membership with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons of Warren; Warren Council Royal and Select Masters; Warren Commandery No. 39 Knights Templar and Al Koran Shrine, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows and Elks. He represents the clothing business of the city in his membership in the Warren Rotary Club. He is one of six members of the Board of Directors of the Ohio State Teachers' Association.

Mr. Robins was married to Bessie Jamison, a daughter of Albert L. and Fanny (Hoyt) Jamison of Warren. The advance made by Mr. Robins has not been spectacular, but is but the normal outcome of business ability intelligently directed in a calling which has been congenial. Mr. Robins is a man who has always taken interest in civic matters, although never seeking office, and his influence is a sound and conservative one.

James Guttridge. One of the sound business houses of Youngstown is that conducted by Guttridge & Rand, Incorporated, of which James Guttridge is president and treasurer, and its development is the result of diligence and natural ability. James Guttridge was born at Prince's End, Staffordshire, England, in 1872, a son of John and Hannah (Blewitt) Guttridge, of whom the latter is deceased. John Guttridge came to the United States in 1887, and reaching Youngstown became a puddler in the old Cartwright McCurdy Mills, and rose to be superintendent of that department, but retired in 1916 at the age of seventy years, and is now living at Youngstown.

James Guttridge attended the public schools of England until he was twelve years old, but after his arrival at Youngstown was occupied in earning his living, first in the mill that employed his father, and later as delivery boy for different retail stores. In 1889 he started to learn the tailoring trade with Louis E. Guess, a prominent merchant tailor of Youngstown, and remained with him until 1901. Mr. Guttridge then formed a partnership with Howard C. Corll, under the name of Guttridge & Corll, and the firm did business at No. 16 North Phelps Street. In 1903 the business was moved to the present location on West Federal Street, although since then the premises have been doubled, the space later taken over being then occupied by the Star Piano Company. The latter vacated in 1904 and Mr. Guttridge and his partner took the entire building. Mr. Corll retiring in 1906, David J. Rand bought his interest, and the firm became Guttridge & Rand. In 1918 the business was incorporated with Mr. Guttridge as president and treasurer, David Reese of Canton, Ohio, as vice president, and Mr. Rand as secretary and general manager. Mr. Guttridge is also president of the United Printing Company, and secretary and treas-

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urer of the Mill Creek Land Company, director Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, Motor Sales Co. (Charter).

In 1898 Mr. Guttridge was married to Laura Hawn of Youngstown, who died on December 22, 1901, leaving a daughter, Eva Isabelle. In January, 1907, Mr. Guttridge was married to Bertha Almyra Mathews, and they became the parents of three children, two of whom survive, namely: Bertha Louise and Allan Robert.

The growth of the Guttridge & Rand Company has been remarkable. When the business was started Mr. Guttridge and his partner were able to do all the work themselves with slight assistance from a boy, and now there are ten stores operated under the name of Guttridge & Rand, and they have an interest in four additional ones. Employment is now given to 165 people. Mr. Guttridge had no money when he began his business, but he was able to secure credit from the start for he was known as a fine workman, an upright business man, and it can be truly said that no one has ever placed any confidence in him or his ability without having his judgment justified. Mr. Guttridge passed through some anxious moments, but has succeeded way beyond the ordinary, and he not only has made good in a business way, but also as a citizen, and is held in the highest regard by all who have the honor of his acquaintance. Messrs. Guttridge and Rand own the property at 320-322 West Federal Street. Their prosperity proves that if men are willing to work diligently, invest wisely and persist in spite of obstacles, they may rise to almost any height they desire.

Richard N. Graham. While it is certainly true that every man succeeds better for having acquired a knowledge of anything, the training given the person who aspires to become a lawyer is so rigid and thorough that he is generally prepared to enter almost any line and master it. There are a number of cases where men do so prepare themselves without really intending to enter the profession, but simply to gain the habit of handling their problems in an orderly and methodical manner, and to receive the benefits accruing from the expansion of their intellect which must come from such a course. Richard N. Graham is manager of the railways connected with the Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Company, and it is a recognized fact that his skillful handling of the affairs of his office comes through his knowledge of the law, and its application to business.

Richard N. Graham was born at Jackson, Ohio, on November 7, 1876, a son of Christopher and Nancy Jane (Dodge) Graham, both of whom are now deceased. Christopher Graham was a hardware merchant both at Jackson, and later at Joplin, Missouri, to which city the family moved when Richard N. Graham was still a lad.

Growing up at Joplin, he attended its high school, and then entered the University of Arkansas in 1895 and took both the classical and legal courses, and was graduated therefrom in 1900 with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. In 1901 Mr. Graham was admitted to the Arkansas and Missouri bars, and that same year established himself in a general law practice with a Mr. Hurst, under the firm name of Hurst & Graham, which was later changed to Grayston & Graham. In 1908 Mr. Graham joined the legal department of the Stone & Webster electrical interests, first being at Dallas, Texas, for a short time, and then, in 1910, taking charge of the claim department of the Houston Electric Company, a property managed by Stone & Webster. He immediately was transferred to an operating position and continued with the Houston Company in various capacities until 1916. In September of the latter year Mr. Graham came to Youngstown as assistant manager of railways connected with the Mahoning & Shenango Railways & Light Company, and in 1917 was made manager of that department, retaining the position with the Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Company which succeeded the former corporation. Mr. Graham has had a varied experience and when he began practicing law at Joplin, Missouri, he was a member of the Missouri State Legislature, and recognized as one of the forceful young orators of his district.

In 1901 Mr. Graham was united in marriage with Miss Robey B. Skinner of Jacksonville, Illinois, and they have five children, namely: Harold, Mildred, Helen, Ruth and Robey.

John Gerrity. Prominent in important lines of business and influential in many ways in Mahoning County is John Gerrity, one of Youngstown's self made men. For a number of years he has been identified with the development of vacant property around Youngstown, and was the pioneer builder of residences in East Youngstown.

John Gerrity was born at Youngstown, Ohio, May 2, 1873. His parents, John and Bridget (Stanton) Gerrity, natives of Ireland, came to Youngstown in 1856 and were actively interested in Youngstown's growth. John Gerrity, Sr., was a foreman in Brown-Bonnell mill in this city and met with an accident in an explosion in 1872. His widow survived him for a number of years, her death occurring in 1904.

In 1905 John Gerrity was united in marriage to Catherine Laughlin. Her parents, both of whom are deceased, were David and Alice (Clarke) Laughlin. She is a granddaughter of the late Martin Clarke, one of Youngstown's respected pioneers. Mr. Gerrity's reputation is that of an honorable, dependable business man, and a reliable, public-spirited citizen. He is a well known contractor and has taken a most active part in everything that tends to Youngstown's advancement. He has always been a faithful and practical Catholic and has given much time to the furthering of Catholic interests in Youngstown—prominent among them being the Ursuline Academy on Wick Avenue, and St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Randall Montgomery. In some men the business sense is remarkably developed and through it they reach a place not attained by those who try to control affairs for which they have no aptitude. It is now generally recognized that no one reaches unusual success who works against his natural inclinations, and when competition is so strenuous, men need every assistance that developed talent can give

in order to take profitable advantage of offered opportunities and to be able to develop legitimate business chances. Especially is this true in Youngstown, where, although the field of operation is broad, the rivalry is intense, and the man who distances others must be on a constant strain to win the race of life. Such a man is Randall Montgomery, vice president of the Youngstown Electric Lighting Company, with which he has been connected since 1899.

Randall Montgomery was born on March 6, 1851, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Smith) Montgomery, who came to Youngstown from Erie County, Pennsylvania, and there Joseph Montgomery worked as a saddler and harnessmaker. In time he became a very prominent man and represented Mahoning County in the State Assembly.

Growing up at Youngstown, Randall Montgomery attended its schools, and in 1870 began his business career as clerk for A. J. Morgan, a grocer, remaining with him for five years. In 1875 Mr. Montgomery went with the Fowler-Stambaugh Company as clerk, his period of usefulness with that concern extending over ten years, and when the plumbing department was added, he was made a partner, and the business became Montgomery, Thompson & Co.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. Montgomery was active in politics and in 1888 was elected on the republican ticket mayor of Youngstown, and re-elected in 1890. It was during his administration that the electric alarm signal system was installed in the fire department, and horse-drawn patrol wagons put into use. Having made an enviable record as mayor, he was the logical candidate of his party for the Legislature and was elected on its ticket to the lower house in 1893 and again in 1895. In 1897 he was appointed city commissioner as a republican and served for three years.

In 1899 he began his long connection with the Youngstown Electric Company, as general manager, remaining with it through the various changes until 1915, when he became vice president at the time R. P. Stevens was made president. Mr. Montgomery has other interests, being president of the Elks Building Company, of which he is a charter member; a director in the Peoples Amusement Company which leases the Park Theater; and director and treasurer of the Forsythe-Pattern Company. He is a charter member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as trustee for many years. In his fraternal relations he maintains membership with the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Elks, is one of the oldest members now living of the Youngstown Lodge of the latter, and was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias of this city. In the Masonic fraternity he has been made a thirty-second degree Mason and is a charter member of the Cleveland Consistory. He belongs to the Youngstown and Elks clubs. In spite of the honors which have been conferred upon him, Mr. Montgomery is a very modest, unassuming and approachable man, who is more occupied with the idea of giving the people good service and a square deal than with his own importance.

Karl J. Smith. The excellent condition of the streets and roads in Youngstown and throughout Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties are due in part to the efficient labor of Karl J. Smith of Youngstown, president of the Smith Construction Company, which has filled many heavy contracts in road and street building, doing the required work in a skillful, systematic and really scientific manner, and always with satisfactory results. This firm was organized in 1914, absorbing the old firm of Kane & Smith, which was formed in 1910, and the company and corporation have built miles upon miles of city and country roads within the past ten years. A son of Joseph Smith, Karl J. Smith was born in 1883 in Youngstown, and holds a noteworthy position among its native-born citizens.

Joseph Smith has spent his entire sixty-eight years of life in Youngstown, having during his earlier years been engaged in farming, and later as a contractor building some of the first streets, culverts and bridges in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. He married Hattie Baldwin, who was also born in Youngstown, her birth occurring in 1859. Both are active members of the South United Presbyterian Church. Politically he is an uncompromising republican, prominent in party ranks.

Having obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Youngstown, Karl J. Smith entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada, where in 1903 he was graduated as civil engineer. Since that time he has had varied and valuable experience in construction work, having first been in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and later having been with the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad Company for seven years, being stationed at Gulfport, Mississippi. Coming from there to Youngstown, Mr. Smith in 1910 became junior member of the construction firm of Kane & Smith, and continued in business under that name until 1914, when he assumed his present position as president of the Smith Construction Company, an outgrowth of the firm with which he was first identified.

On September 12, 1906, Mr. Smith married Miss Bessie Rogers, of Atlanta, Georgia, and they are now residents of Boardman Township, where they have a pleasant home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are consistent members of the South United Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Smith belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Thomas G. Fitz Simons, Jr The character of the men of a community may be correctly gauged by the standing of its business houses whose growth has been stimulated by intelligent and progressive methods, or held back for lack of proper development. No town or city can reach its highest standard unless its men in all lines co-operate to give an honest service for value received. Such men can be counted upon to promulgate and support worthy measures looking toward securing for their community solid improvements and the bringing into it sound business houses that will add to its prosperity. These men are found actively engaged in some worthwhile enterprise; they give a solidity to commercial organizations, and when the need arises, contribute liberally toward charities. In their home relations these men sustain the highest of characters, and because they recognize the value of careful

Karl J. Smith

educational training for the young, they provide good schools. Judging from all these standards it is little wonder that Youngstown has made such marvelous progress, for it is, and has long been, the home of just such men, and no one has stood higher in the estimation of his associates than does Thomas G. Fitz Simons, Jr., superintendent and secretary and treasurer of The Fitz Simons Company.

Thomas J. Fitz Simons, Jr., was born at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1877, a son of Thomas and Susan Fitz-Simons, and he grew up in his native city where he attended the public schools until he was sixteen years old. At that age he began to earn his own living and has been self-supporting ever since. He gained the experience that made it possible for him to assume the responsibilities of his present position in the shop of his father, and has always been dependable and self-reliant.

In 1911 Mr. Fitz Simons came to Youngstown, and when the Fitz Simons Company was organized, he was made superintendent of the plant, and later secretary and treasurer. Since this company was founded it has had a very prosperous history, and is numbered among the important industrial enterprises of the city.

Mr. Fitz Simons married Miss Ellen Hanan, a resident of Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Simons have two children, namely: William John and Ann Julie. Since coming to the city Mr. Fitz Simons has become a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and he is one of the vigorous factors in that body. Fraternally he is an Elk. It is a recognized fact that a good deal of the success of the company is due to Mr. Fitz Simons' energy, industry and knowledge of his business.

Alfred McCullough. There are unquestionably men of natural force found in every community, who, by reason of their inherent ability, by the use of their brains and the soundness of their judgment, attain distinction and acquire authority. They are men who industriously work for an end and in helping themselves add to the sum of comfort and happiness for all about them. These quiet, resourceful men are the dependence of the whole social fabric, for their efforts not only bring into being the substantial industries that support commerce and industry, but conduct them along the safe and sane channels which assure public prosperity and general contentment. They may be men of versatile gifts and talents of a high order in many directions, but it is their soundness, their vitality, their steadiness which make them such important factors in the world's work. One of the men who measures up well according to the above standards is Alfred McCullough of Youngstown, head of the General Sales Agency, now the McCullough Transfer Company, of Youngstown.

Mr. McCullough is a native son of Youngstown, having been born in this city in 1885, and has always centered his interests here. His father, now deceased, was Samuel McCullough, and one of the sound men of Youngstown. His mother, Mrs. Amelia McCullough, survives and makes her home at Youngstown.

Growing up in his native city Mr. McCullough attended its schools and set out in life with the determination to acquire a business of his own. All the time he was working for others he kept this end in view, saved his money, and when the opening came, was ready for it. In September, 1919, he bought the General Sales Agency which had been established in January, 1915, by Thaddeus Moody for the purpose of selling contractors materials. That same year Mr. McCullough organized the transfer company that bears his name, and is carrying on both enterprises with characteristic vigor. Although he has not owned these enterprises for a very long period he has placed his impress upon them, and judging by the man himself, there is every reason to think that he will make them a great success, for he usually accomplishes what he sets out to do.

On October 24, 1912, Mr. McCullough was united in marriage with Harriet Gump, a daughter of John Gump, a harness-maker of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough have two children, namely: Donald and Robert. Having worked so hard toward one end, Mr. McCullough has had but little time to devote to outside matters, and yet he can always be depended upon to give the intelligent support of a fair-minded man to public enterprises and to lend a hand in seeing that they were carried out. His business sagacity is unquestioned, and his salesmanship is of a high order, while personally he possesses those qualities which not only make for good citizenship, but warm personal friendships as well.

Earl B. Putt, president of the Youngstown Chemical Company, has through a varied career earned the confidence and esteem of men of high standing and large interests, and won the gratitude of the people of this country through his skill in experimental work in connection with the production of certain drugs, hitherto obtainable only from foreign lands.

Earl B. Putt was born at Doylestown, Ohio, in 1886, a son of Dr. Benjamin F. and Lillian E. Putt, he formerly a medical practitioner of Youngstown, but later of Doylestown, Ohio, where he died in 1900, his widow surviving him and making her home at Cleveland, Ohio.

Having commenced his high school work in Wayne County, Ohio, Earl B. Putt completed it at Youngstown, where he remained from 1900 until 1903, and from 1903 until 1905 he served an apprenticeship in the drug store of Fred J. Ulrich, following which Mr. Putt entered the Ohio State University and took the courses in pharmacy and chemistry, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1909. Immediately thereafter he went to North Dakota as a government expert, and still later was assistant chemist and professor of materia medica at the Agricultural College at Fargo, North Dakota, under E. F. Ladd, and remained there until 1912, when he entered the United States bureau of chemistry and drug laboratory of New York City, located in the appraisers' stores of the customs service. Mr. Putt was in charge of the drug work in the laboratory when he left in 1916.

While holding this position Mr. Putt was approached by Youngstown capital and asked to organize his present company. These capitalists felt

that he was particularly fitted for the proposed work, not only account of his training and aptitude, but also because of the fact that in his position he knew exactly what drugs were imported and what were of domestic production. Mr. Putt accepted the offer made to him, and the Youngstown Chemical Company came into being, Mr. Putt being its president; Dr. Seil, vice president; and John P. Dillon, secretary and treasurer.

Youngstown was chosen as the field of experiment as it was proposed to produce the necessary drugs in part or whole, from the by-products of the coke ovens located in this city. The company has several electrolytic processes, and the low cost of electric power at Youngstown is another advantage of this point for the site of the laboratory. The two chemists, Mr. Putt and Doctor Seil are the only men of their profession connected with the plant, and they have been obliged to personally train the employes, now sixty in number, so that the output has been curtailed on account of the difficulty of securing the people suitable for the work. It is the aim of this company to produce these drugs, rather than as a selling proposition. These drugs so far produced are: Phthalic Anhydoide, Phenolphthalem, used in medicine as a laxative, Anthranilic acid, used in manufacturing oil of oranges, Phthalimide, used in the manufacture of dyestuffs; Phenolsulphonephthalein, used to test the efficiency of the kidneys, all of which were formerly exported from Germany, and the Youngstown Chemical Company is the pioneer in their manufacture in the United States. Over $50,000 were spent in experimentation before satisfactory results were obtained, but the capitalists backing this company felt that their chemists had wrought marvels when they compared this amount with the millions the Germans had sunk in similar experiments with practically no better results. The fact that these drugs can be manufactured in this country from the waste of coke ovens, at a reasonable price, is not only interesting, but very important, and the work of these two chemists may affect, and probably will, a lasting change in the importation of drugs. They are enthusiastic over what they call the possibilities of this waste, and feel that they have barely begun their work, which the rest of their lifetime will not be long enough for its exhaustion. The company has added to the above-mentioned products a complete line of non-alcoholic flavoring extracts under the brand name Non-Alco. These products already have a wide distribution.

In April, 1917, Mr. Putt was united in marriage with Sara Janet Smith, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. They have one daughter, Katherine Janet, who was born in February, 1918.

Harvey Ambrose Seil, Ph. D., vice president of the Youngstown Chemical Company, ably fills a gravely important position and one which is of national reputation. The discoveries in chemistry, brought to light through the indefatigable efforts of men of Doctor Seil's caliber, have almost revolutionized the foreign trade in drugs, and bid fair to place this country in the foremost ranks as a producer of many of these necessary preparations hitherto believed to be the exclusive product of other lands.

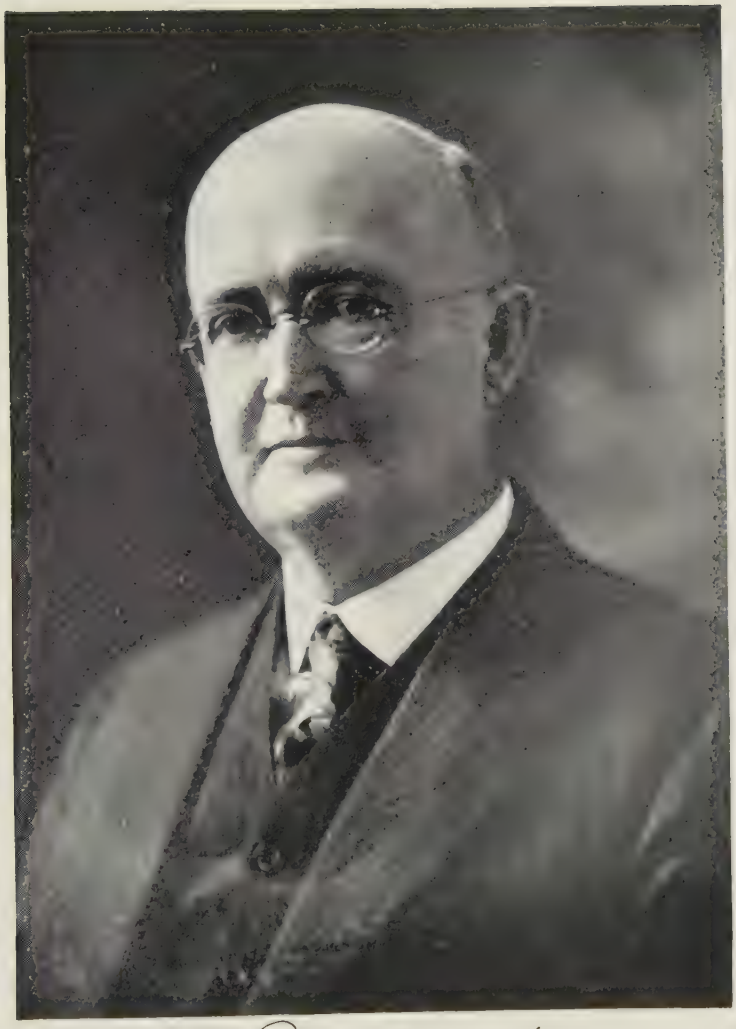
Doctor Seil was born at Doylestown, Ohio, a son of Edward and Esther (Mann) Seil, both of whom are now deceased. Edward Seil was a merchant of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, for a number of years, having moved there after the birth of his son. Growing up at Perth Amboy, Harvey A. Seil attended its public schools and completed the high school course in 1899, and subsequently became a student of Columbia University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following that he took a three years' course in organic chemistry, doing special work, and was graduated therefrom in 1906 with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. During that period, in connection with Professor Bogart, he published several papers which were all original, and which have been translated into all foreign languages.

Deeply interested in scientific matters, Doctor Seil has never been backward in rendering public service, and from 1912 until 1914, inclusively, he served as president of the board of health of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. In 1907 he joined the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Chemistry, and was engaged in the enforcement of the Food and Drugs Act, having charge of the New York drug laboratory from 1908 to 1914, under Doctor Wiley, Doctor Doolittle and Doctor Alsberg. Doctor Seil served as referee of medicinal plants and drugs for the Official Agricultural Chemists Association; was on the United States Pharmacopoeia Committee of the American Pharmaceutical Association; the committee for the unification of the methods of essential oil analysis of the Eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry, and was otherwise active in his profession.

After leaving the government service in 1914, Doctor Seil joined the Standard Chemical Company and until 1917 had charge of the organic and biological research work, and while with this corporation prepared and published papers on Elimination of Radium, on the Contribution of Our Knowledge of Vanadium with Particular Reference to Syphilis, two papers on Hog Cholera, and one paper on the Endothelial Cell, a new blood constituent. He secured a patent on the manufacture of Uranium Oxide, used in making Ferro-Uranium, that is required in the production of high speed tool steel. In 1917 Doctor Seil left the Standard Chemical Company to become vice president of the Youngstown Chemical Company, of which Mr. Putt is president, the two having entire charge of the laboratory work of this corporation.

John R. Squire, who recently retired from active business, represents a family that has given its talents to the commercial and civic affairs of this community for nearly a century. One of the most prominent features of the family record has been a patriotism that has again and again drawn men of the Squire lineage into the wars of the country.

Mr. Squire is descended from Zopher Squire, who came from England and settled near Elizabethtown, New Jersey, about the middle of the eighteenth century. He was a colonial volunteer in the French



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and Indian war, being wounded in that struggle. His son James was born in Morris County, New Jersey, June 9, 1756, and at the age of twenty-two made his first enlistment in the Continental forces for American independence. The official records show that he served as a private with State troops one month, then two months by a second enlistment, and a half month by a third enlistment, while in 1782 he was enrolled for six months. He did not apply for and receive a pension until he was seventy-six years of age. After the death of his wife in 1819 he spent much of his time with a son at Youngstown, but died at New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he was buried. He married Lydia Reynolds in 1786, and had removed to Western Pennsylvania about 1799.

His son John R. Squire, grandfather of the present John R. Squire of Youngstown, lived for many years on the northeast corner of Market and Central Square at Youngstown. He was born in 1806. In 1854 he moved to the south side of Front Street east of Champion Street and in 1856 to the southwest corner of Champion and Boardman streets, where he lived until his death. Though fifty-six years of age, he volunteered as a private in the Union army in 1862, but his services were rejected. He had been a democrat before the war and then became a staunch republican. For many years he was actively identified with the First Methodist Episcopal Church and took a special interest in its choir. John R. Squire died July 28, 1896, when ninety years of age. August 30, 1828, he married Phebe Morrow, who was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1806. She was a descendant of Charles Morrow, of a prominent family of Belfast, Ireland, who came to America before the war of the Revolution and probably served in that struggle. Afterward he moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania, and acquired a farm. His son William M. Morrow by his wife Hannah Harrod, was born October 31, 1770, at Philadelphia, and saw a brief service at the age of eighteen in an Indian campaign. In 1792 he joined the regular army, and for four years was in the service, and was with the forces that subdued the Indians in old Northwest Territory, including what is now the State of Ohio. After leaving the army he became a prosperous miller at Pittsburgh, but in 1812, at the age of forty-two, was commissioned a first lieutenant of volunteers in the War of 1812, and made a brilliant record, rising to the rank of captain. After the war he suffered heavy financial losses through a business partner and earned a modest living through school teaching and services in public offices. He died in March, 1834. Phebe Morrow was one of his children. She was a young woman when her father's fortunes became involved and ruined, and at that time showed an independence of spirit seldom found in her sex at that time. She went to work in a paper mill at Pittsburgh, and even after her marriage did work outside her home in order to secure special advantages for her children. Her nobility of character was admired by many friends and acquaintances and has been especially cherished by her descendants. She died at Youngstown December 26, 1869.

One of her children was James Squire, who was born at Youngstown, March 13, 1834. In 1859 he engaged in the roofing business at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, and in 1869 returned to Youngstown and established a business of the same kind, which was continued with growing prosperity for half a century, until John R. Squire retired. James Squire became prominent in local affairs, serving in the City Council, and in later years as a member of the City Sinking Fund Board. He retired from business in 1902. February 26, 1860, he married Mary Burns.

John R. Squire is the only surviving child of his parents and was born at West Middlesex, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1862, and was seven years of age when his parents returned to Youngstown. After getting his education in the local schools he entered his father's business, learned the trade of tinner and roofer, also became a practical draftsman, and at the age of twenty-one was operating a sawmill in what is now Wick Park. At that time he was made a partner with his father in the firm James Squire & Company, and in 1889 the business was incorporated as the James Squire Company, with James Squire as president and John R. Squire as secretary and treasurer. In February, 1902, when James Squire retired, his son bought all the stock and continued the business as an undivided individual ownership. In 1911 he again incorporated and remained as president and general manager until 1919, when he retired. For half a century this business in sheet metal and roofing materials was one of the leading institutions of its kind in Eastern Ohio.

Mr. Squire is a former president of the Ohio organization of Builders' Exchanges. He has been active in public affairs, serving on the Council, Board of Education and the Board of Public Safety. He is a member of the Masons and Elks, and the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

In 1883 Mr. Squire married Etta M. Bowman. Her father, James M. Bowman, was at one time manager of the Andrews Brothers' store at Haselton. Mr. and Mrs. Squire have two daughters: Pearl B., wife of J. Harry Fitch, and they are the parents of two children, Doris Joan and Barbara Squire; and Nellie M., wife of Myron S. Curtis, of Youngstown.

Dale Dietrich. An acute, cool-headed man of business may command respect because of his capabilities in managing large enterprises and his power to change circumstances and conditions to suit his will, and may have, as chosen associates, men of the like caliber and similar power and interests, but, in order to secure the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, he must have other qualities to win personal affection. Dale Dietrich, president of the Dietrich Motor Car Company of Youngstown, although yet a young man, has been identified with affairs of vital interest in this city and other points, and is in control of several concerns, proving his sagacity and foresight beyond question. At the same time his interest in everything calculated to help others less fortunately situated is shown by his practical sympathy and ready generosity.

Dale Dietrich was born in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1892, a son of Albert and Carrie (Jackson) Dietrich, both of whom are living and residents of Ravenna, Ohio, the father being treasurer and general manager of the Ravenna Furnace & Heating Company.

Growing up at Ravenna, Dale Dietrich attended its high school, and began learning the jewelry and watchmaking business, but found that he had little or no liking for it, and that he was strongly attracted toward the automobile trade. Fortunately he was sensible enough to enter the business for which he had a natural aptitude and came to Youngstown from Ravenna in 1913 to market the products of the Cole Motor Car Company. Almost immediately thereafter he organized the Dietrich Motor Car Company, of Youngstown. Mr. Dietrich is also president of the Dietrich Automobile Company of Warren, Ohio, which Mr. Dietrich organized in 1919, and of which he is a heavy stockholder. With him in this company is N. H. Cobb of Warren, who is secretary and treasurer.

In 1914 Mr. Dietrich was united in marriage with Josephine Davis, formerly of Youngstown, but later of Ravenna. Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich have one child, Jean Louise, who was born in 1916. Mr. Dietrich belongs to the Automobile Club and the Automobile Dealers' Association, and is active in both organizations. He is a hustler and no task is too great for him, nor can any obstacle daunt him. With such young men in its midst as Mr. Dietrich, there is little wonder that Youngstown has shown such wonderful progress within the past few years nor that its outlook for the immediate future is so bright.

Lawrence P. Hoffmaster. A man of superior business ability and worth, Lawrence P. Hoffmaster is prominently identified with the expansion of the automobile interests of the Mahoning Valley, being officially connected with the Hoffmaster-Gifford Motor Sales Company, of Youngstown, and having been one of the organizers of the Automotive Tire Service Company, of the same city. He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, in 1881, a son of the late Hilary H. Hoffmaster, and grandson of Jonas Hoffmaster, whose father emigrated with his family from Germany to the United States, settling in Eastern Pennsylvania in pioneer days.

Hilary H. Hoffmaster was born on his father's farm in Mahoning County, Ohio, and was there bred and educated. Buying a tract of land in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, in 1880, he was there engaged in farming several seasons. Subsequently returning to Ohio, he had charge of his father's farm, which was situated in Mahoning County, close to the state line, and there continued his agricultural labors for a time. In 1897 he came with his family to Youngstown, and engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and also built several dwellings. He died in 1917, but his widow, a native of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, whose maiden name was Ollie A. Mayberry, survives, and still lives in Youngstown, where she has an attractive home.

Attending first the rural schools, and later the graded schools of Youngstown, Lawrence P. Hoffmaster obtained an excellent education, and from 1903 until 1913 worked in his father's office, for the first two years receiving his board and clothing only. In 1905 he assumed charge of the insurance department and in November, 1908, in partnership with C. A. Gifford, secured the agency for the Regal Car and carried on business under the name of the Regal Sales Company. In 1914 the company opened a shop at 836 Market Street for service, and later in the year purchased the property located at 902-4-6 Market Street, moved the dwelling standing upon it, and subsequently occupied the ground floor of the two-story block they erected thereon. Discontinuing the service shop at 836 in 1917, the firm continued to do business at the newer location, building a service station at the rear on Essex Street.

In July, 1918, the Company took over the lease of the Gilling Block, at 724 Market Street held by the Goodyear Tire Company, and which is still occupied. In August, 1917, the firm was incorporated as the Hoffmaster-Gifford Motor Sales Company, with a capital of $40,000, C. A. Gifford being made president; W. S. Old, vice president; and Lawrence P. Hoffmaster as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hoffmaster is now treasurer, and B. M. Smart is the secretary. In 1919 the company organized the Automotive Tire Company for the purpose of taking over the business of the Hoffmaster-Gifford Company, Mr. Gifford assuming the presidency, but Mr. Hoffmaster, at his own request, was not elected to any office in the new organization.

Mr. Hoffmaster married, in June, 1906, Leona B. Rowe, of Allegan, Michigan, and they have four children, Martha O., Bryce R., Laurilla, and Donna L.

Joseph Henry Brown. In any technical discussion of the iron and steel industry of the Mahoning Valley would command frequent attention. As a matter of fact he stood as one of the great iron masters in America for many years. While it might be said that he lived from early boyhood in the very atmosphere of blast furnaces and iron and steel mills, he was also a broad gauge business man, and as a citizen his strenuous energy and liberal purposes makes him a figure long to be remembered in Youngstown.

He was born in Glamorganshire, Wales, July 24, 1810, but his parents, John and Elizabeth (Swain) Brown, were natives of England. When he was about four years of age, and soon after the close of the War of 1812, between Great Britain and the United States, the Brown family came to America, making their early home in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Fully a century ago the Browns were pioneers among the iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania. As a boy Joseph Henry Brown had every opportunity to familiarize himself with the then crude technique of iron making. One of his employers possessed a splendid library, and the young workman gained much of his education out of that library. All his life long he read deeply and thoroughly of the great book of knowledge spread out before every man of affairs. In early life he held the position of foreman of an iron plant operated by water power in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Later he engaged in the mercantile iron trade at

Joseph K. Brown

Edmond L. Brown

New Castle, and from there came to Youngstown in 1855.

On coming to Youngstown he was associated with two or three other practical iron men, one of whom was the late William Bonnell. Mr. Brown inspected a small iron plant that had been constructed on the banks of the canal about 1843 and had been allowed to be dismantled, the building being chiefly used as a stable. He leased the property with privilege of buying, and subsequently with his associates organized a company afterward known as Brown, Bonnell, Westerman & Company. At first they started a small guide mill, and soon afterward were added a nail plate mill and nail factory and a puddling department. Other ground was bought and on it a blast furnace was built and another rolling mill. They also bought a blast furnace on adjoining property. By this time the company were giving employment to approximately five hundred men. This in brief outline is a history, familiar to all old iron men, of the noted Brown-Bonnell plant at Youngstown. The Westerman interests of the company were bought by Chicago capital, at which time the company was incorporated as the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company, with Mr. Brown as president. He continued in this official capacity until about the time he sold his interests, in 1876, to Herbert Ayer of Chicago.

Not long afterward Mr. Brown organized the Joseph H. Brown Iron & Steel Company of Chicago, and moved his residence to the lake city. This company built a rolling mill on the Calumet River, in South Chicago. Mr. Brown personally leased this property and added to it a blast furnace and a large nail factory. These plants were operated under a partnership arrangement known as the Joseph H. Brown & Company. After a few years in Chicago Mr. Brown sold out his interests there in 1881 and at that time retiring from all active business pursuits, returned to his former home and congenial associations at Youngstown.

Under his direction the Brown-Bonnell Company constructed one of the first two closed-top blast furnaces, an innovation that revolutionized the blast furnace practice of the country. That was perhaps the most noteworthy but by no means all of his improvements contributed to the technical processes of iron and steel manufacture. He was a master mind in the iron business in another sense. Until he retired, for a number of years he was president of the National Tariff League of America. He frequently was called to the national capital as an expert before the Ways and Means Committee of Congress to discuss tariff legislation, and his business integrity, his personality, and the vigorous and concise appeal he could make undoubtedly had a great influence over the tariff legislation of that period. He was never in politics for the sake of public office, though it has been well said that little of interest ever occurred in the Mahoning Valley with which he was not in some way connected. He was for a number of years president of the Mahoning National Bank of Youngstown. He was actively affiliated with the Methodist Church.

Joseph Henry Brown, whose death occurred at Youngstown, November 17, 1886, at the age of seventy-six, married Miss Susanna Oellig. She was of German parentage. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Jane, who was married to Edwin J. Warner and is now deceased; Elizabeth Swain, who married the late William Powers of Youngstown; Susannah A., widow of Rev. Dr. C. E. Felton, a prominent character of the Methodist Church; Joseph Henry, Jr., who died in early manhood; J. Oellig, who died in 1915; Edmond L.; and Emily and Ella, twins.

Edmond L. Brown, only surviving son of the late Joseph H. Brown, was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1851, but has spent the greater part of his life in Youngstown. To a large degree he has cultivated the same line of business interests as his father, manufacturing. He was at one time president of the Ohio Powder Company of Youngstown, and for two years was president of the Mahoning National Bank. In 1899 he retired from active business, though his service as executive of the Mahoning National Bank was rendered subsequent to that date. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1878 he married Laura Belle McLain, of Brookville, Pennsylvania. They have two children: Lyda McLain, wife of George E. Dudley, of Youngstown; and Edmond S., who is a member of the Dudley-Forcier-Taylor Company.

William A. Hutchings. For himself or for others William A. Hutchings has been a factor in the business life of Niles for over a quarter of a century, and during much the greater part of that time has been proprietor of the Niles Dry Goods Company, one of the oldest concerns under one ownership in the city.

His father, the late Richard J. Hutchings, contributed not a little of the important history to the great industrial region of the Mahoning Valley. A native of Wales, he was superintendent in that country of the Treforest Tin Plate Company at Swansea, South Wales. An expert in the manufacture of tin, on coming to the United States he located at Hubbard and built the Hubbard tin mill, and there manufactured the first tin plate made in the United States. He was also patentee of the R. J. Hutchings pickling machine, which is still in universal use throughout the country. The model of this machine is now in the possession of his son, William A., and eventually will probably find a home in the McKinley Memorial Building at Niles. For many of his later years Richard J. Hutchings employed himself with clerical duties in the Brown-Bonnell plant at Youngstown, though for many years he kept his residence at Niles, where he died in March, 1915. The history of tin plate manufacture in this country could not be written without frequent reference to the name of Richard J. Hutchings. He had the thoroughness of the Welsh workman in metals, and also an abundance of original genius. For many years he was an active worker in the Methodist Church. In Wales Richard J. Hutchings married Margaret Edwards, who is still living in advanced years. They were the parents of thirteen children.

William A. Hutchings was born in Wales, Janu-

ary 8, 1874, and was twelve years of age when his parents came to this country. He finished his education at Hubbard, graduating from high school, and in 1893, at the age of nineteen, entered the employ of J. E. Rose, a dry goods merchant at Niles, under whom he acquired a detailed knowledge of the dry goods business. Two years later he went with W. A. Thomas & Brother, and on November 27, 1899, engaged in business for himself at his present location, where he has sold goods for the past twenty-one years.

Both in business and community affairs Mr. Hutchings has never avoided responsibilities and has done all he could to advance the welfare of the locality. He was one of the organizers of the Dollar Savings Bank Company, of which he is a director, and is a stockholder in the Standard Boiler & Plate Company, and was a director of the DeForest Sheet & Tin Plate Company until that plant was sold to the Republic Iron and Steel Company.

Mr. Hutchings was one of the organizers of the old Board of Trade, is a member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Methodist Episcopal Church. September 3, 1915, he married Miss Margaret Jones, of Niles.

William F. Lane, who is superintendent of the A. M. Byers plant at Girard, had a boyhood passion for machinery and mechanics, never wanted to work in any other line, and with a steadfast aim has made each experience count for something larger and better. He is regarded as one of the most capable technical men as well as one of the able executives in the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Lane was born at Warren in 1870, son of Benjamin and Susie (Berry) Lane. His father, who died in 1895, at the age of sixty, saw three years and eight months of active service as a Union soldier during the Civil war. He was a participant in many battles, was at first a non-commissioned officer in the Sixth Ohio Regiment and later re-enlisted in the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment. He was a republican and a member of the Grand Army Post. His widow is still living at the age of sixty-six, her home being at Warren. She is a member of the Church of the Disciples. William F. Lane was the oldest of three sons. His brother Richard D., for many years with the Day-Ward Company, died in 1919, in his forty-seventh year. The other brother is Dawson, a resident of Cleveland and an engineer with the Erie Railroad.

William F. Lane received his early education at Warren, and to supplement his practical experience has since taken several courses with the International Correspondence School of Scranton. As a young man he worked in various shops and factories, was a mechanical engineer with some of the leading plants of the Mahoning Valley, including the Tod plant and the Ward-Day plant, and since 1909 has been identified with the A. M. Byers plant at Girard. For the first five years he was superintendent of the furnace department, and since 1914 has had the responsibilities of superintending the entire plant.

Mr. Lane has many affiliations with iron and steel men in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. In Masonry he is affiliated with St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, with the Scottish Rite Consistory and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He also has twenty years of membership in the R. E. Johnson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, while he and his wife are members of the Church of the Disciples. In 1890, before he was twenty years of age, he married Miss Jennie B. Taylor, daughter of Ambrose Taylor, of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

John D. Reese. In spite of its many wonderful industries, Youngstown to hundreds of people all over America has no special significance except as the home of "Bonesetter" Reese. Those two words are as likely to arouse ready recognition and appreciation in remote localities of the country as the name of almost any other celebrity.

Bonesetter Reese, who has lived at Youngstown for over thirty years, is a natural master of the art of orthopedic surgery, sometimes called bloodless surgery. Its chief feature is a scientific manipulation in reducing dislocations. But Bonesetter Reese is in a class by himself, and his wonderful success has not been due to any set formula or methods, but an individual genius and resourcefulness which is inimitable and can hardly recur more than in one or two individuals of a generation. His records are in some degree similar to those of the eminent Austrian surgeon, Doctor Lorenz, who has been widely known in America since he came to this country to treat Lolita Armour, the daughter of the Chicago packer, for congenital hip trouble.

John D. Reese was born in Wales May 5, 1855. In his native country the family name was spelled Rees, and his parents were William and Sarah (Morris) Rees. A year and a half after his birth he was left fatherless and at the age of eleven an orphan. The remarkable sympathy and great kindness of Bonesetter Reese are no doubt in part due to his humble rearing and his life among the common folk of Southwestern steel England. He had to start work and make a living at the age of eleven. He was employed in the rolling mills of Rhymney in Monmouthshire, a town on the border between England and Wales. There was little chance to secure a formal education. He had to work for the necessities of life. He grew up in the atmosphere of Monmouthshire and its factories. In 1886, as a result of the tariff on steel rails to the United States, the rail mills closed in Monmouthshire. Thrown out of employment during the depression, John Reese came to the United States in February, 1887. He at once sought the iron district of Pittsburgh, where he was employed in the mills of Jones & Laughlin, but in July of the same year came to Youngstown. He became a roller's helper in the old Brown-Bonnell mill and later a roller in the Valley mill.

While in Wales young Reese had lived near a "bonesetter," a name applied in the old country to a class of practical surgeons who were expert in the art of manipulation in correcting deformities in the bony structure of the body. Even as a boy Mr. Reese manifested a keen interest in that art. While in Wales he studied books on bone setting, and incidentally practiced the art to some extent. He

John D. Reese

found opportunity to render occasional service in the same line in Youngstown, and from the remarkable success of some of his cases he was finally led to abandon the rolling mill business, and since June, 1894, has given his exclusive attention to his work. Fame and fortune have come to him in abundant measure and his clients seek him from every state of the Union. There is no question of the wonderful cures he has effected. Nevertheless, he is an exceedingly unassuming gentleman, affable, courteous and generous to a fault. Bonesetter Reese is a Knight Templar Mason, has also attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and is a life member of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland.

In 1875 he married Sarah Richards. She died in 1914, after a companionship of nearly forty years. She was the mother of five daughters: Mary Ann, wife of Dr. William Bryn, of Youngstown; Sarah, wife of Theodore Johns, of Youngstown; Elizabeth, wife of Oliver K. Barbour, formerly of Cleveland, now of Youngstown; Katherine, wife of J. Roy McVey, of Youngstown; and Gertrude.

Ambrose Eckman. In a lifetime of three-quarters of a century Ambrose Eckman has lived in Girard except for a period of about fifteen years, and as an old resident of the community he has only one rival, Doctor McCartney, who has probably lived in Girard for a longer period than Mr. Eckman.

Mr. Eckman has been a prominent business man in this section of the state, and is still somewhat active, being president of the Eckman Coal Company. Where the plant and yards of that company are located in Girard, Ambrose Eckman was born, April 15, 1845, son of Lewis and Catharine (Coy) Eckman. His great-grandfather was one of the first settlers in the vicinity of the present Girard. The grandfather, James Eckman, was a soldier in the War of 1812. The Eckmans became extensive land owners in the Mahoning Valley. Some of the family intermarried with the Wilsons, who owned the land where Brier Hill is now located. Some of the Eckmans lived at Weathersfield Cross Roads. Lewis Eckman was a carpenter by trade, and built the home where his son Ambrose was born, and where he died at the age of thirty-five, when Ambrose was only a child. His widow survived him many years, until 1905.

Ambrose Eckman acquired his early education in the schools of Girard. As a boy he ran away from home to get into the army, going to Columbus, but was refused enrollment by Governor Tod. In the latter part of the war his services were accepted, and he served in the battle of Cynthiana in Kentucky and on some other duty. His first regular business experience was as brakeman with what is now the Erie Railroad, with a run between Mineral Ridge, Niles and Girard. After three years he left railroading because he thought his superiors treated him unjustly in promoting other men over him. He then entered the service of the Brown Iron Company at the blast furnaces under John Morris. May 1, 1871, he removed to Niles, where he contracted with the nail factory and three rolling mills to furnish coal and pig iron to those institutions. At the end of one year James Ward & Company annulled the contract because they thought Mr. Eckman was making too much money and therefore put him on a salary, and he was serving as their superintendent at the time of their failure in 1874. Later he was top boss at the mines at Massillon and subsequently assistant manager of the Russia Mill, also a Ward institution, after several years becoming manager.

In 1884 Mr. Eckman returned to Girard, conducted a hotel for a time, and then became agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company.

In 1891 he was elected the first mayor of Girard, and filled that office by election four consecutive terms. In the meantime he was carrying on his life insurance business, and about the time he left the office of mayor he joined his son J. G. in the coal, ice and building supply business, a commercial institution that has had a steady growth with the growth of the town. When the business was incorporated Ambrose Eckman became president and his son, John G., secretary, treasurer and manager.

Mr. Eckman married in 1870 Alice Wilson, daughter of William Wilson. She was born in Girard in 1848. They have three children, Rilla, wife of J. William Daley, associated with the Eckman Coal Company; John G.; and Dollie, wife of William Crooks, an employe of the Republic Sheet Mills and a resident of Girard.

Mr. Eckman was formerly affiliated with the Elks, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He was the first of the Eckman family to depart from the traditions of loyal affiliation with the democratic party.

John G. Eckman, who is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Eckman Coal Company, has had a working and business career for thirty years. He was born while his parents lived at Niles, on January 4, 1874, and finished his education in the Wilson Avenue school at the age of fifteen. He then went to work in the Girard iron plant, now owned by the A. M. Byers interests, and was office boy, but soon rose to positions of trust and responsibility, serving as head bookkeeper eight years. From the Girard Iron Company he went with the Salem Iron Company at Leetonia for a year and a half and then for four years was a Youngstown representative of Nelson Morris & Company. When the Eckman Coal Company was organized in 1910 he became secretary, treasurer and manager, and has given his best energies and experience to making this company a medium for complete service throughout its normal trade territory, for coal, ice and building supplies.

In 1894 Mr. Eckman married Miss Sallie Edgerton Bronson, daughter of William Bronson, of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Marian Bronson. Mr. Eckman and family are members of St. John's Episcopal Church at Youngstown, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Elks.

George R. Purdum. Many of the most important real estate transactions and developments in and around Girard during recent years have been effected through the agency of George R. Purdum, a business man of wide experience not only in real estate but in other affairs.

Mr. Purdum is a native of Ohio, born at Old Washington in Guernsey County, December 11, 1853. His parents were Rolandus C. and Sarah A. (Wirick) Purdum. His mother was also born at Old Washington, and died in 1918, at the age of eighty-four. Rolandus C. Purdum was born in Maryland in 1834, and at the age of eighty-six is living at Girard. In 1847 he went out to Guernsey County, riding a horse and driving a team. There were few railroads in the country then, and the customary mode of travel between the east and west was with wagons. He was many days on the journey, and that was one of many pioneer experiences to be credited to his record. Just seventy-two years after he made that trip from Maryland to Ohio, he went over practically the same route in 1919, but this time in a high powered touring car driven by his son George. For many years Rolandus Purdum was engaged in farming in Guernsey County, then for twelve years lived in Butler and Beaver counties, Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of Girard since 1909. For several years he was employed as a gateman by the A. M. Byers Company at Girard. He is a devout Methodist, and is one of the few surviving original republicans.

Up to the age of eighteen George R. Purdum worked on his father's farm in his native county. He acquired a public school education. On leaving home he went west, living for four years at Galesburg, Illinois, and then drove overland to Southwestern Nebraska, where he attempted farm and ranch life for two years. On returning to his home county he was identified with farming as his practical business for six years. Another six years he spent in the oil fields of Butler County, Pennsylvania, and for ten years was identified with the hollowware industry at Monaca, Pennsylvania, and Salem, Ohio.

Mr. Purdum then located at Girard to engage in the real estate and insurance business. He has bought and sold many properties and handled the very successful Girard Heights and Kline Street allotments. During his residence at Beaver, Pennsylvania, he was a member of the City Council. For many years he has been a strong advocate of the prohibition amendment.

Rolandus C. Purdum was not yet twenty years of age when his son George R. was born, and the latter was married before he was twenty. He married Mary Claggett in 1873. She is also a native of Guernsey County. To their marriage were born four children: Augustus Ellsworth, who died in childhood; Francis E., now associated with his father in business at Girard; Clyde A. and Chester M., both of whom live at Beaver, Pennsylvania, and are employes of the A. M. Byers Company of Pittsburg. Mr. Purdum is a steward in the Methodist Church, a teacher in its Sunday school, and is affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

CARROLL THORNTON. One of the men who has stamped the impress of his strong individuality upon the minds of the people of Youngstown in a manner to render him one of the conspicuous characters of this community is Carroll Thornton, who has had a somewhat varied career, but who is now engaged in the real estate department of the Realty Trust Company. Faithfulness to duty and a strict adherence to a fixed purpose, which always do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances, have been dominating factors in his life, which has been replete with honor and success worthily attained.

Carroll Thornton, formerly mayor of Youngstown, was born in this city February 20, 1861, and is one of five children born to William and Julia (Hamilton) Thornton, who also were natives of Mahoning County, Ohio. He was reared here and secured his educational training in the public schools. At the age of thirteen years he went to work in the factory of the Arms-Belt Bolt Company in a minor capacity, remaining with this firm for six years. He then became a driver for the United States Express Company, and then for its successor here, the Erie Express Company. Later he joined the Wells-Fargo Express Company, working for the latter company at Corry, Pennsylvania, for five years, and then returned to Youngstown as that company's agent here. In 1890 Mr. Thornton resigned that position in order to engage in the laundry business. Buying the Calvin Winsworth Laundry, he changed its name to the Youngstown Laundry Company, and still later to the Youngstown Laundry and Cleaning Company. He conducted this business until March, 1917, when he sold out, and since February 1, 1919, he has occupied his present position as sales manager of the real estate department of the Realty Trust Company, in which he is achieving a pronounced success.

Mr. Thornton was married in 1886 to Bertha E. Stewart, who died on February 19, 1888, leaving one daughter, Josephine, who is now the wife of John Black, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1896 Mr. Thornton was married to Ada Miller, and they are the parents of a son, Wallace, now attending Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire.

Politically Mr. Thornton has been an active and lifelong supporter of the republican party. For eight years, beginning with 1907, he was a member of the Board of Education, during two years of which time he was president of the board, and in 1915 he was elected mayor of the city, in which capacity he rendered his community signally efficient service. He ever had the best interests of the city before him and strove in every way possible to promote the advancement and improvement of the city along all lines. It was during his public service that the East Youngstown riots occurred, and it was largely through the personal efforts of Mr. Thornton that the questions at issue were adjudicated and the trouble abated. Mr. Thornton is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree of the York and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His life history exhibits a career of unswerving integrity, indefatigable private industry and wholesome social relations, and is the record of a well balanced mental and moral constitution, strongly marked by those traits of

character which are of special value in such a state of society as exists in this country. He possesses a strong social nature, and by his genial and kindly attitude towards those with whom he comes into contact he has won and retains the confidence and respect of every one.

JOSEPH H. HOCHADEL. After a number of years in railroad work Joseph H. Hochadel turned to other lines of business and for the past seventeen years has been a valued member of the business organization of the Ohio Leather Company at Girard, a corporation which he is now serving as auditor and assistant secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Hochadel was born at Albion, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1868, son of Mathias and Fanny (Ehrman) Hochadel. His mother was of an old Pennsylvania family, and she died in November, 1918. Mathias Hochadel was a boy when brought by his parents from Germany, and for many years was a section foreman on the Erie and Pittsburg Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He died in 1912, at the age of sixty-eight.

Oldest in a family of eight children, Joseph H. Hochadel finished his education in the Albion High School. His first regular work was as water boy at Albion for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He learned telegraphy and other branches of railroading, and for twenty-one years was in the service of the Pennsylvania Company, the latter part of the time as freight agent at Brier Hill and Niles. These duties brought him into active connection with the industrial interests of the Mahoning Valley and in 1903 he entered the Ohio Leather Company as cost clerk, and has since been given charge of most of the office business of that corporation as auditor and assistant secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Hochadel and family reside at Girard and they are members of St. Rose Catholic Church. He married in October, 1893, Miss Rosa Gramlich, at that time a resident of Erie, Pennsylvania. She was born in Germany and was eleven years of age when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gramlich, came to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Hochadel have four sons: Raymond J. is with the Cleveland Builders Supply and Brick Company; Frank M. is with the Ohio Leather Company; Joseph M. is employed by the construction company building the Falcon mills at Niles; and the youngest is John P. Frank and Joseph were both with the colors during the World war, Frank being in a headquarters company while Joseph was a member of the Students Army Training Corps.

CHARLES A. MCCAUGHTRY. While a resident of Niles Mr. McCaughtry has for many years been active in business affairs at Girard, where he is a member of the firm of McCaughtry & Marshall, owners of the Pennahio Lumber Company. This business was established in 1908 by the firm of Marshall, Burt & Hunt, and Mr. McCaughtry has been an active member of the partnership for the past ten years.

Mr. McCaughtry, whose experience as a business man, civil engineer and teacher, has been a long and varied one and has taken him over a great part of the United States, was born in Mahoning County, at Austintown, October 15, 1864. He is a son of Joseph and Lucy (Brunstetter) McCaughtry. Joseph McCaughtry was distinguished by a long life and by many unusual attributes of character and service. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1819 and died in 1913, in his ninety-fifth year. He maintained much of his vigor of physique and spirit to the end. His father died in Pennsylvania, and in 1835, when he was sixteen years of age, he crossed the mountains to Ohio with his widowed mother and two sisters. Considering the poverty of his boyhood and the time in which he lived he had practically no opportunities for education. A thirst for knowledge burned within him, and he taught himself to read and eventually commanded a fluent use of both the English and German languages. Joseph McCaughtry from boyhood was extremely handy with tools, and as a young man is Eastern Ohio he learned to make ladles, dippers and skimmers from copper. Later he acquired all the technique of the coppersmith's trade by practical experience and association with other workmen. Moving to Austintown, he conducted a tavern known as the Indian Queen, also opened a store, and conducted a very prosperous business. He also owned two farms. The tavern was on the old Plank Road, a noted thoroughfare traveled in the early days by the stages. Joseph McCaughtry, whose father came from the north of Ireland, was a member of the German Reformed Church and as a young man it was his desire to be a minister. He was a strict prohibitionist in his later life and a democrat. His first wife was Lydia Miller, who came from Four Mile Run, Ohio. Joseph McCaughtry married for his second wife Lucy Brunstetter, who died in 1918, at the age of seventy-eight. They had half a century of married life. Her father, Henry Brunstetter, was a Pennsylvanian German. By the first marriage there were three sons and two daughters. The only living son is Caldwell Porter, who was named in honor of Caldwell Porter, one of the first mill men in Northeast Ohio. The only living daughter is Barbara, wife of Austin Crum, of Girard. By his marriage to Lucy Brunstetter Joseph McCaughtry had two sons and two daughters, Charles A. being the oldest; Lydia, wife of John Peck, of Warren; Miranda, unmarried, who made her home with her parents as long as they lived and is now a resident of California; and Raymond, a machinist with the Peerless Electric Company at Warren.

Joseph McCaughtry after his second marriage moved to Niles, where he owned the old Sanford Hotel and a store, and about 1869 moved to Lordstown, where the family home remained thereafter though Joseph McCaughtry again did merchandising at Niles, selling goods to the employes of the Ward plant.

Charles A. McCaughtry acquired his education in the schools of Lordstown, attending the select school there. His higher education was acquired largely through his own efforts and earnings. For a time he attended the Normal University at Ada. The head of that institution was the venerable educator, Henry Lehr, who built up at Ada one of the greatest educational institutions of Ohio. Henry Lehr was a cousin of Joseph McCaughtry, and the latter had furnished

Lehr with considerable aid in his early enterprises. Charles A. McCaughtry took special training at Ada, expecting to become a civil engineer. At the age of twenty he went west to Wyoming, became deputy county surveyor of Johnson County, and did a great deal of work surveying ranches and laying out irrigation ditches. Another year he spent in Iowa College at Grinnell, and from there went to Queen City, Missouri, where he taught one winter. Returning to Ohio in 1888, he resumed teaching and after his marriage was a student in Hiram College one year. He taught in various schools in Trumbull and Mahoning counties, and in 1899 was appointed teacher of mathematics in the Niles High School. He was the capable man in charge of that department for ten years. Then, in 1910, he became associated with his present business at Girard.

In 1891 Mr. McCaughtry married Hattie Hoffman, daughter of Abram Hoffman. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the Lordstown schools. She died in 1896, the mother of two sons, John B. and Roger H. John served overseas with the Seventy-Ninth Division, was in the battle of Argonne, and since his discharge from the army has been in the office of the Republic Steel Company at Youngstown. Roger served in the Medical Corps, being stationed at Camp Pike, Arkansas. Both sons have taught school and Roger is now in the office of the Brier Hill Steel Company at Youngstown.

In 1901 Charles A. McCaughtry married Mabel Rogers, daughter of J. W. Rogers of Niles. They have three children, Jean, Donald and Mary. Mr. McCaughtry is an elder in the Christian Church, and for the past ten years has taught a class of old people in the Sunday school.

William E. Bliss, vice president and general superintendent of the Standard Slag Company, is a man of sound common sense and knowledge of men, and has risen to his present position through his own merit. He has only been a resident of Youngstown since 1916, but during that brief period has made his influence felt among the efficient executives of his calling. Mr. Bliss was born at Bloomville, Seneca County, Ohio, February 7, 1886, a son of Melvin O. and Ellen (Reid) Bliss, both of whom are still living at Bloomville.

Growing up in his native place, William E. Bliss attended its schools, and was graduated from the high school course. For one term thereafter he engaged in teaching a country school, and then in 1904 became a clerk in the office of The France Company, extensive quarry owners of Bloomville. After one year he was transferred to the operating department, where after a short time he was made superintendent. Some two or three years later he became general superintendent of the France Company's quarries. Up to this time his advancement had been exceedingly rapid and was largely owing to his thorough study of the business, his natural qualifications as an organizer and with the reputation of doing a little more than was required of him. In 1909 the France Slag Company was organized, in which he became a stockholder, and of which he was made treasurer and general superintendent, and at the same time he retained his position as superintendent of the quarries of the France Company. In 1910 he retired from the latter corporation, and devoted all of his time to the France Slag Company until 1914. In that year he was made general superintendent and treasurer of the Standard Slag Company. The Standard Slag Company organized the Seiple-Wolf Construction Company and the Virginia Slag Corporation, operating in Virginia. The Standard Slag Company are also interested in the Smith Construction Company of Youngstown, and all are doing an increasing and prosperous business. Mr. Bliss is a member of the Youngstown Club, and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. For years he has belonged to the Masonic fraternity. Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Youngstown holds his membership.

On October 7, 1909, Mr. Bliss was united in marriage with Miss Fern Hossler, of Bloomville, Ohio, who was a member of the same graduating class from high school as he. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss have three daughters, Gladys Fern, Margaret Jane and Alice Mae. Mr. Bliss is one of the energetic, alert young men of Youngstown, whose rapid progress in the line he has chosen awakens admiration for his ability and speaks well for his future.

Frank J. Thomas, superintendent of the Ohio Leather Company at Girard, comes of a family of tanners and leather makers. Tanning has been the occupation of the family for at least three generations. Mr. Thomas is one of the expert leather makers in America today, and deserves much credit for the success of the big business at Girard.

He was born at Middle Falls, New York, December 25, 1859. His parents were Lewis J. and Mary Thomas, who were married in Wales. The grandfather was a Welch tanner, and Lewis J. learned the same occupation and followed the business all his working years. He died in 1915, at the age of seventy-six.

Frank J. Thomas finished his education in the Fairfield Seminary of New York, and from boyhood grew up in the leather business, learning all phases of the art and trade. He has the distinction of having been one of the first in America to make colored leather. The Middleville Tannery was built by his father, and the son had an important part in its management until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1904. At that time Mr. Thomas went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as plant superintendent for Phister & Vogel, remaining there three years. He was also superintendent of the Barnett Leather Company of Middle Falls, New York, and superintendent for C. D. Brown & Company of Rochester.

The officials of the Ohio Leather Company had been associated with him in leather making, and knowing his exceptional qualifications urged him to become superintendent of the plant at Girard, an office he has now filled for three years.

In 1894 Mr. Thomas married Carrie Nelson, a daughter of Henry Nelson, of Middleville, New York. They have one daughter, Mary, wife of Theodore Caldwell, of Newburgh, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are affiliated with the Episcopal Church, and he is a Mason and a republican.

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Leonard Holloway. At the age of seventy-seven Leonard Holloway can look back over a long life marked at every point by patriotic Americanism, hard and honest work, capable business progress and a public spirit that has more than once brought him into prominence in his home community at Niles. Mr. Holloway is senior member of the Leonard Holloway & Son undertaking firm at Niles.

His life began with his birth on February 27, 1843, in a log house built by his grandfather in the woods four miles east of Lisbon in Columbiana County, Ohio. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Willard) Holloway. His father was also born on the same farm of 160 acres in Columbiana County, land that had been acquired as a homestead by his grandfather, Ephraim Holloway. Ephraim Holloway came from the State of Virginia and was a Quaker in religion. He cleared up much of the land and spent his remaining days there. Jacob Holloway lived on and cultivated the home farm for a number of years, made his home at Lisbon for a time, then resumed the management of the farm, and finally went to Salem. He was a natural machinist, and at Salem was in the employ of the Buckeye Machine Company manufacturing engines. He died in Salem at the age of sixty-eight. He was always loyal to the church of his birth, but finally joined for convenience the Church of the Disciples. He was an ante-war democrat, but afterward a republican. Elizabeth Willard, his wife, was from the State of Maryland and died at Niles at the age of seventy. Their two sons were Leonard and William, the latter a machinist at Salem.

Leonard Holloway acquired the rudiments of his education at Lisbon, and left school to learn the printer's trade, a trade that has always been regarded as the equivalent of a university education. He learned his trade with the Patriot of which Thomas Wood was editor, and for a time worked as a printer on the Buckeye State.

Few of the veterans of the Civil war still living had a longer and more active service in the army than Leonard Holloway. He was in the three months' service at the beginning of the war, joining a company of the Nineteenth Ohio Infantry. At his second enlistment he joined Company F of the Seventy-Sixth Ohio Infantry, and became regimental adjutant. He was in many of the great campaigns both in the East and West, and saw active service under General Grant and General Sherman. Early in the war he participated at the battle of Rich Mountain during the West Virginia campaign. He was at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, siege of Atlanta and the march to the sea, and in the progress of Sherman's victorious armies through South and North Carolina. The only injury he ever received was when he was thrown from a horse while taking ammunition to the front, and received a broken leg. He made a good soldier, and after more than four years in the army was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1865. He had been urged to remain in the regular army, but was well satisfied to resume civil life, still a young man of twenty-two. The first two years after the war he spent drilling oil wells in the Pennsylvania oil field. He then went to work as a fireman with the Erie Railroad, was promoted to engineer, and was engineer of switch engines, freight and passenger trains, and when he left the Erie in 1882 he was one of the veteran men of the service. Since 1882 Mr. Holloway has been active in the undertaking business. His first establishment at Niles was on Main Street where Bodkin & Bodkin are now doing business.

Mr. Holloway is a former mayor of Niles, having filled that office to the satisfaction of all good citizens four years. He was also a member of the City Council, and was master of ceremonies when the McKinley Memorial was unveiled to the public. He was a personal friend of William McKinley. Mr. Holloway is affiliated with McPherson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

At Lisbon, Ohio, he married Ida B. Dunlap. They have six living children: Bert, who saw active service in the engineering department of the Navy on the battleship Connecticut during the World war and is now superintendent of the water and light plant at Niles; James, associated with his father in business; Ray, connected with the city waterworks; Leonard, who for the past twelve years has been a wireless operator in the United States Navy; Charles, who also has a record with the navy of five years, and is now on the battleship North Carolina; and Helen, wife of Fred Williams, who is the Erie Railroad freight agent at Niles.

Elmer E. McKelvey. While his brother, the late George M. McKelvey, had a long and honorable career at Youngstown as a merchant and banker, and founded the G. M. McKelvey Company of that city, Elmer E. McKelvey has kept his interests identified with the Village of Hubbard for over thirty years, and as a merchant his name is synonymous with integrity and fair dealing.

Mr. McKelvey was born at Armagh, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1861, a son of Ephraim and Esther (McCartney) McKelvey. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Elmer McKelvey was only a child when his parents died, and a guardian looked after the younger children and the old homestead. Elmer E. McKelvey lived there until the age of seventeen, and in 1879 went out to Illinois, where he followed farm labor two years. In the meantime, in 1877, his brother George M. had come to Hubbard as manager for Andrews & Hitchcock of their mercantile business known as the Company Store. On returning from Illinois, Elmer McKelvey attended the Normal School at Indiana, Pennsylvania, and in 1886 joined his relatives at Hubbard, where, in addition to his brother, his sister, Mrs. B. E. Price, also lived. He at once became a clerk in the company store, and in 1898 was promoted to manager for the mercantile corporation, and so continued until 1917. For over thirty years he had given his time and energies to one enterprise. Then, in 1917, he established a business of his own as a grocery merchant, and has since been reaping the advantages coming from so long an acquaintance with the people who recognize his able business qualifications and his fine personal character. Mr. McKelvey has a host of friends around Hubbard, and has always

worked with the progressive people for better things in the community.

For some years he served as village treasurer, is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, and for years superintendent of the Sunday school, and filled all the chairs in the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1889 Mr. McKelvey married Miss Carrie Momyer, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and they had one child Stella, who died in infancy.

Jonas Earle King, M. D. Originally appointed Trumbull County health officer, Doctor King, who is in practice at Girard, had some interesting experiences overseas as a medical officer with the Expeditionary Forces, and is a young physician of fine talents and capabilities, with a brilliant future before him.

He was born at Emlenton in Venango County, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1890, a son of Jonas H. and Lucy M. (Crawford) King. His father, a stone mason by trade, was a pioneer in the oil development of Butler County, Pennsylvania. He moved his home to Butler County in 1899, and died there in 1914, at the age of sixty-two. He was a Methodist, an active worker in the prohibition movement, and his widow is a Presbyterian and is now living at Mars, Pennsylvania. Of nine children, the eldest, Harry, is in the oil business in Butler County, Pennsylvania; two, Ralph and Edward C., are dentists at Sharon, Pennsylvania, and two have chosen the profession of medicine. Clare B. graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1920.

Dr. Jonas E. King attended the common schools of Butler County, North Washington Institute, and received his A. B. degree from Grove City College in 1913. He pursued his professional studies in the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1917, and the following year was interne at the Youngstown City Hospital. January 18, 1918, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, was in training at Camp Sherman, and on account of the influenza epidemic was delayed several weeks from embarking for overseas at Camp Upton. He sailed for France the day after the armistice was signed and at Brest was assigned to duty in the office of the evacuation of sick and wounded. He remained in France eight months and in Germany two months, and during that time spent his leave in visiting the battlefields of Verdun, Chateau Thierry, Belleau Woods and Louvain, was at Koblenz and Luxemburg, and also visited Nice and Monte Carlo.

Doctor King soon after his return to the United States located at Girard in October, 1919, and soon afterward was appointed health officer for Trumbull County. He is affiliated with the Masonic and Knights of Pythias Lodges of Grove City, Pennsylvania, with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Girard, Ohio, and is a member of the American Legion and of the Presbyterian Church.

September 18, 1919, Doctor King married Ethel Anderson, daughter of P. A. Anderson, of Youngstown. Mrs. King is a graduate nurse from the Youngstown City Hospital.

Edward H. Vaughn has for a quarter of a century been identified with the mercantile business at Girard. He is a business man who has mingled public spirit with his life, has frequently been honored with posts of trust and responsibility in his community, and is one of Girard's most highly esteemed residents.

His life career has been largely what he has made it through the exercise of his own talents and abilities. He was born at Redbank, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1869, son of David P. and Sarah Ann (Howells) Vaughn. His parents were born in Wales and as their wedding trip immigrated to America. His father was a coal miner in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and died at Mill Creek in 1872, being survived by his widow until December, 1917.

Edward H. Vaughn, one of half a dozen sons, attended school at Mill Creek, also a school on Mahoning Avenue in Youngstown, and as a boy began working in the iron mills. He became a skillful worker and for several years performed the duties of a "rougher." He also saved his money, and in 1894, with his savings and the proceeds from the sale of his little home, he started in business as a baker and grocer at Girard. He had learned the baker's trade, and sold the products of his bakeshop along with groceries. Later he abandoned the bakery feature and started a shoe department, and his business has grown and prospered and is one of the old and substantial landmarks in the Girard shopping center.

Mr. Vaughn during the World war was a member of a number of war time committees. For eighteen years he was superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School. He is on the Board of Trustees of the McKinley Memorial, served two years on the School Board and for two years was mayor of Girard. He is a past master of the Masonic Lodge at Niles, a member of St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, at Youngstown, of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also a Knight of Pythias, and is identified with the republican party.

In 1890 Mr. Vaughn married Miss Annie Evans, daughter of Thomas F. Evans, of Coalburg, Ohio. They have two daughters, Ida B., wife of B. W. Krehl, and Ethel, wife of John Lavin. Mr. Krehl is now associated with Mr. Vaughn as a business partner.

William R. Leonard. No institution can be stronger than the men in charge of its conduct, and therefore it has long been recognized as a special mark of honor to be chosen by the board of such an organization to occupy an official position. The men associated with the City Trust & Savings Bank of Youngstown are without exception especially expert financiers and reputable citizens, among them being William R. Leonard, its vice president, who is very widely known not only in the city itself, but throughout Mahoning County.

William R. Leonard was born on a farm in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, on June 3, 1860, a son of Simpson and Elizabeth (White) Leonard. Simpson Leonard was born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, but his wife was born in the north of Ireland. During the war between the states Simpson Leonard enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment

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and served for four years, participating in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and numerous major engagements, including the reduction of Atlanta. He is now eighty-eight years old (1920), and is living at Altoona, Pennsylvania, enjoying a well-deserved rest from an arduous career. In 1875 he brought his family to Youngstown, Ohio, and associated himself with Cartwright & McCurdy, and later with the Brown-Bonnell Company, iron workers, and was engaged in this line of work for many years.

William R. Leonard was a child when he was brought to Youngstown by his parents, and here he was reared and sent to the public schools. He remained with his parents until after attaining his majority, contributing from his earnings for the general support of the family. His first work was as a puddler for the old Brown-Bonnell plant, and later he went with the Republic Iron & Steel Company, in whose employ he rose through the various grades until he became a general superintendent. As a republican he was elected county auditor in 1898, and after serving for six years was renominated by his party for that office, and was endorsed by the democratic party, a distinction never before or since accorded to a candidate in Mahoning County, but one which he had won because of his work. After six years service as county auditor Mr. Leonard served for three years as general superintendent of the American Car & Foundry Company. In 1912 he was elected vice president and secretary of the City Trust & Savings Bank, a position he has since continued to occupy. In addition to it he is also the president of the Wilkins-Leonard Hardware Company. The career of Mr. Leonard has been exceptionally strenuous, and one which has required fortitude and persistence. During 1886 and 1887 he was engaged in farming and stockraising near Spirit Lake, Iowa, during the summer seasons, and in the winter taught school during the long winter months in the rural districts. He is a man who has learned to make each effort count for something, and has never failed to render an efficient service no matter what the work might be in which he was engaged. It was not long before those associated with him began to recognize his reliability, and to seek to place added responsibilities in his capable hands.

In 1881 Mr. Leonard was united in marriage with Miss Susan V. Daugherty, a daughter of Edward and Mary Daugherty. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are consistent members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Youngstown. Mr. Leonard is an Odd Fellow, an Elk, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Poland Country Club, and very popular in all of these organizations.

Louis Knell is secretary-treasurer of the Youngstown Trunk Manufacturing Company, the only manufacturing industry of its kind between Cleveland and Pittsburg, and an important source of added credit to the commercial resources of the Mahoning Valley. This enterprise is due to the hard work, commercial talent and technical abilities of three brothers, Louis, Max and Israel Knell, who are now actively associated in the company.

They were all born in Russia. Their father owned and operated flour mills in that country. Louis Knell was born in 1888 and as a boy grew up in his father's mill, that being his chief experience before coming to this country. He arrived in this country in 1906, and has acquired his knowledge of the English language since then. For nearly a year he worked in a trunk factory in Philadelphia. One of his working associates there was Abe Glickman, and together they came to Youngstown to open a shop of their own. Max Knell, who was also financially interested in their plan, remained at Philadelphia while serving an apprenticeship with the John B. Stetson Hat Company.

Louis Knell and Mr. Glickman rented a small storeroom at South Avenue and Woodland, and turned their talents to the manufacture of trunks. Three months later they moved to Boardman and Watts streets where they paid an annual rental of $300. Their business grew, and after a year they rented another room at 242 East Boardman. In 1909 the business was incorporated, moving to 57-61 South Prospect, where they built a plant. The trade demands grew faster than their facilities could satisfy, and in July, 1919, the company completed an up-to-date factory at 924 State Street in Girard. The entire business is now owned by the three brothers, and the average yearly business runs comfortably into six figures. Five traveling salesmen are employed, and their territory is in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York.

In 1918 the company began the manufacture of suit cases, and more recently has added a line of high class traveling bags. They also have a retail store at 338 East Federal Street, Youngstown.

Louis Knell after coming to this country attended a night school in Philadelphia and in Youngstown, and took a course in Hall's Business College at Youngstown. He is a citizen member of the B'nai B'rith and I. O. B. A. In 1911 he married Anna Hausberg, daughter of Isaac Hausberg. She was also born in Russia.

John L. Dennett, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Leather Company at Girard, has given practically all the study, resources and energies at his command to the leather business since he left school, and before coming to Ohio was in the employ of several prominent leather firms in New England.

He was born in New York City, September 26, 1877, a son of John M. and Augusta (Lant) Dennett, now living at Kennebunk, Maine. The father was born in Kennebunk and the mother in New York. John M. Dennett for many years prior to the formation of the Ice Trust was in the ice business in New York. He is an Odd Fellow and he and his wife are Baptists.

John L. Dennett, only child of his parents, finished his education in the public schools of New York City at the age of nineteen and soon afterward removed to Boston, where he became a clerk in the offices of Alley Brothers, a pioneer firm in the leather trade and manufacture of leather in the New England States. The business of Alley Brothers was subsequently acquired by the American Hide and

Leather Company, and Mr. Dennett remained for several years enjoying promotions in the general office. Later he had charge of the office of Pfister & Vogel in Boston, and because of his good record in the East he was selected in 1908 to succeed H. J. Haggerty as secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Leather Company.

Mr. Dennett is a Royal Arch and Council degree Mason, and a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

In 1915 he married Louise Arms, third daughter of Warner Arms of Youngstown. Their two children are Louise and Robert Arms.

Isaac Strouss. No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer a proper record of the life and accomplishments of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of these paragraphs, who for many years has stood among the leading business men of Youngstown, a man of indomitable perseverance and strong individuality. His accomplishments but represent the fit utilization of the innate talent which is his, and the directing of his efforts along lines where good judgment and discrimination led the way. There is in him a weight of character and a fidelity of purpose that have commanded the respect of all, and today he stands deservedly high in the community honored by his citizenship.

Isaac Strouss was born in the province of Rhein Hessen, Germany, on May 20, 1848, and is the son of Jacob and Helen (Mayer) Strouss, who spent their entire lives in their native land. In boyhood he attended the public schools, gaining a good education and becoming proficient in the French language. Early he was employed in carrying mail, there being no railroad in the neighborhood where he lived. He also worked for various persons in a clerical capacity and aided his father in the latter's hardware business. In 1865, deciding that larger opportunities for advancement awaited him in the New World, at the age of seventeen years he embarked on a sailing vessel and, after a voyage of forty-two days landed at New York City. He immediately came to Youngstown, Ohio, and obtained employment as a general utility man in the store of D. Theobald & Company. Later he clerked for A. Wallbrunn & Company, and afterward became bookkeeper for the latter concern. Seven years later he became manager for this company, which by this time had become D. Theobald & Company, his first employers here. In the spring of 1875, in partnership with Bernard Hirshberg, he bought the business, which they have successfully conducted to the present time. Since that time the names of Isaac Strouss and Bernard Hirshberg have been associated with all the best that goes to make up a community, by their supporting and advocating every movement for the upbuilding and advancement of the general welfare of the people. Their business has steadily grown through the years and today is one of the solid and prosperous concerns of Youngstown.

On September 23, 1874, Mr. Strouss was married to Lena Pfaelzer, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was born April 7, 1851, and died April 26, 1920. They became the parents of two children, Helene, who is the wife of I. Harry Meyer, and Clarence J., who is married and is connected with his father's business.

Fraternally Mr. Strouss is an appreciative and active member of the Knights of Pythias, while religiously he is a member of Rodef Sholem Congregation. Mr. Strouss' record is the story of a life whose success is measured by its usefulness—a life that has made for good in all its relations with the world. His career has been dignified and manly and one of which his friends may well be proud. Personally he is a man of kindly and generous impulses, who has not permitted the accumulation of material wealth to affect in any way his attitude towards those less fortunate than he, always having a cheering word and a helping hand for those in need.

James J. McFarlin. When he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Girard in 1905, James J. McFarlin was not yet twenty-one years of age, and at that time was one of the youngest responsible bank officials in Ohio. His business responsibilities and duties have greatly increased since then, and no citizen of Girard has a larger circle of friends and more justly merits the esteem and confidence of these and his business associates.

One of the advanced ideas of modern education is to give a boy a practical training and apprenticeship in some chosen line of business at the same time that he is carrying on his studies in school. Mr. McFarlin is a personal example of the benefits of that system, though it was necessity that induced him to practice it long before educators evolved the plan. He has always lived at Girard, where he was born June 1, 1884, son of James and Mary (Jennings) McFarlin. The father, a native of Ireland, came to this country in 1864, was an iron worker, and died in 1889, at the age of fifty-three. Mary Jennings was also born in Ireland, came to this country in 1880, and is now living at Girard. She was formerly a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, and now is a communicant at St. Rose. She was left a widow with the care of three young children, her son James being only five years old when his father died. Subsequent years were years of struggle for this brave and spirited woman. She did the best with what she had to rear and educate her family, and deserves much of the credit for the record made by her son James.

The latter was graduated from the Girard High School in 1901. In the meantime he had been lightening the burdens of his mother by work for the Erie Railroad as messenger at the depot. While there he also picked up a knowledge of telegraphy, and could send a message as well as sweep out the office. It was a good apprenticeship in business methods and discipline, and gave him a sound preparation for the post of duty he accepted in 1901 with the First National Bank. His first employment there was as janitor and messenger, but he went at the business of banking with such energy and keen intelligence that in 1904 he was promoted to assistant cashier and the following year to cashier.

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He is also president and a director of The Girard Construction Company, a director of The Girard Modern Homes Company, and is secretary and a director of The Girard Home Savings and Loan Company. He was local chairman in the first two Liberty Loan campaigns, is treasurer of the Girard War Board, treasurer of the War Chest, and made a ready response to every patriotic demand during the war period. While a young man his advice is constantly sought on subjects of finance and other affairs. He is a member of the Youngstown Association of Cerdit Men, is affiliated with the Elks and Knights of Columbus, and as a bachelor makes his home with his mother.

Gomer J. Jones. During a long career as a merchant at Girard the law and order and welfare and betterment of the community have been actuating and constant principles with Mr. Jones.

He has been identified with many of the local improvements. Henry B. Shields, Allen Patterson and Gomer J. Jones were the prime movers in the incorporation of Girard. Up to that time the community was dependent upon rural laws, had no protection from violent characters, and whiskey selling was free and unchecked. Mr. Jones served many years as a member of the School Board and was never satisfied until he saw the local school system one of the best in Trumbull County. He was also a member of the council at different times, and worked for the establishment of local waterworks and electric lights. Mr. Jones has built no less than sixty houses in Girard and assisted in building many more, has been interested in a solution of many local problems, including the buildings of streets and the improvement of different additions to the town. He is now serving as secretary and treasurer of the Girard Improvement Company.

Mr. Jones was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 29, 1860, hence has been able to celebrate a birthday only once in four years. The parents, John R. and Elizabeth (Davis) Jones, came from Wales as young people, were married in New York, lived for several years in Pittsburg, and then moved to Girard. The father was a coal miner and died at the age of seventy-six, while the mother passed away at sixty-nine

Gomer J. Jones was a boy worker in the mines at the age of ten, contributing his wages to the support of the family, but he managed at the same time to improve his educational opportunities by attending night school and studying at home. He frequently told his father that he would quit the mines as soon as possible, and he did so at the age of twenty-one. While a miner he dug coal from the McKinney Mines that was hauled to and used at the Brown-Bonnell plant in Youngstown.

His first commercial experience after leaving the mines was selling goods in the establishment of A. E. Hartzell. Mr. Jones has sold goods at Girard for thirty-seven years. After one year he formed a partnership with his father-in-law, Jehoiken Jones, who was a tailor, and established a general store. A few months later he acquired the entire business and in 1896 confined his stock exclusively to shoes, and was the leading local shoe merchant until recently, when he sold his business.

Mr. Jones was a director of the Girard Savings Bank until it was taken over by the Trumbull Savings and Loan Company. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Church of the Disciples, and his wife is also an active member of that church. He married, April 22, 1884, Miss Ida Jones, who was born in 1864.

Ed L. Hauser. Some families are distinguished by the value of their property possessions, while others gain the recognition of the world through their ability to work and perform useful service. It is the distinctions of the latter type that belong to the Hauser family, for half a century identified with the city of Girard. The Hausers have been working people in the best sense of that phrase, have always pulled more than their own weight, and their work and influence have been distinctly beneficial to the community. Steadily throughout a period of half a century one or more of the family have been identified with the meat business. Others have been noted in other lines. Ed L. Hauser is the present postmaster and for many years has been a leader in business and civic life. He was elected secretary of the Ohio Postmasters' Association at a meeting held in Columbus July 28, 1920.

Ed L. Hauser is a native of Girard and was born in the Henry Hall farmhouse on Mahoning Avenue just south of the railroad track, now in the heart of the city. His birth occurred August 4, 1866. His parents were David and Mary (Bixler) Hauser, the mother a member of the well known family of that name in Youngstown. David Hauser was born in Germany in 1834, learned the trade of butcher there, and came to the United States in 1854, at the age of twenty. He was not only a good workman but acquired a knowledge of cattle and knew the business in every detail. He first worked in New York City at four dollars a month. From there he went to Pittsburg, later to Youngstown and vicinity, and moved his family to Girard in 1868. He remained active in business at Girard the rest of his life. He was associated with Henry Hall at Youngstown. His first shop in Girard was kept in a part of the house where his family lives on State Street. Originally the house was a log structure, but during the Hauser occupancy a frame addition was made. Later the shop was moved to Liberty Street. David Hauser died in 1907. He and his wife were active members of the Lutheran Church. His wife was eight years of age when her people came from Germany. She was a daughter of George and Rebecca Bixler. Of six children five are still living, Ed L. being the oldest. Minnie C. is connected with the Realty Guarantee & Trust Company of Youngstown. Georgiana is the wife of A. C. McKinney, of Girard. Elizabeth J. Hauser has a prominent name, nationally well known, through her activities in behalf of the woman suffrage movement, and as a writer, she having been the editor and collaborator in one of the most intensely interesting autobiographies of recent years, the life of Tom Johnson of Cleveland.

Dr. C. D. Hauser is practicing medicine at Youngstown. George W. was in the meat business with his father and brother Ed and died at the age of forty-four.

Ed L. Hauser attended school in Girard. At the age of thirteen he was waiting on customers in his father's meat market. Subsequent years have brought him many interesting relations with the business and public affairs of Girard. He is now vice president of the First National Bank and president of the Girard Home Savings & Loan Company. He served as city clerk of Girard from 1898 to 1908, elected as a democrat. For two terms he was a member of the City Council, and was chairman of the Central County Democratic Committee when he was appointed postmaster on April 1, 1915. Mr. Hauser took a prominent and leading part in all local war work. He is president of the Girard Board of Trade, and for many years has been a member and for the past six years president of the Trumbull County Jury Commission. He is also president of the Library Association, is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, past regent of the Royal Arcanum, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Church.

September 22, 1891, he married Mary R. Andrews, daughter of Lucius and Cornelia Andrews, of Vienna, Trumbull County.

Leon A. Beeghly, president of the Standard Slag Company of Youngstown, is one of the alert and experienced exponents of the industrial interests of Youngstown, and one of the founders of the company whose official head he now is. Mr. Beeghly was born at Bloomville, Ohio, on May 8, 1884, a son of Milton and Jeanette (Culver) Beeghly, who are also natives of the same locality. They are both living.

Leon A. Beeghly was reared in his native place and attended the grammar and high schools, and then became a student of the Tri-State Normal School at Angola, Indiana. He completed his educational training with a course at the Oberlin Business College. While still attending the latter Mr. Beeghly entered the employ of the France Company of Bloomville, owners and operators of stone quarries, and continued with this concern for a number of years, eventually becoming a general manager of it. In the development of the corporation various other companies were absorbed, particularly those in and about Toledo, Ohio. The general offices were moved to Toledo in 1910. It was while he was at Toledo that Mr. Beeghly became interested in slag, and recognized the similarity of slag, when properly prepared, to the crushed slag products. Blast furnaces were not then properly utilizing slag. Mr. Beeghly conceived the idea of organizing a slag company, which materialized in the France Slag Company, which contracted for the slag production of the blast furnaces of Toledo. In time this particular line of business grew, but the field there was necessarily restricted. The field in and around Youngstown, with its large number of furnaces, next attracted his attention. He disposed of his holdings in the France Slag Company in 1914, and practically at the same time, with William E. Bliss and William H. Kilcawley, he organized the Standard Slag Company, and established general offices at Youngstown, with seven plants. Of this company Mr. Beeghly is the president, being the only one to hold this office. These associates also organized the Buffalo Slag Company of Buffalo, New York, and this concern operates five plants.

Mr. Beeghly was married to Mabel L. Snyder, of Bloomville, Ohio, and they have four children, Charles, James, Thornton and Lucile. He belongs to the Youngstown Club and Chamber of Commerce. A Mason and member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Youngstown, Mr. Beeghly lives up to the highest ideals of his fraternity and church.

The Standard Slag Company is composed of live, wideawake, thoroughgoing business men who were keen enough to foresee the future possibilities of commercialized slag. They came to Youngstown before local men realized the wonderful possibilities that existed right in their midst, and have made good. Their product is prepared slag for railroad ballast, concrete construction, macadam paving, foundation, roofing and similar purposes.

John W. Dennison, except for the year spent "with the colors," has been a progressive factor in the automobile business at Girard for eight years. He is proprietor of the Trumbull Liberty Company, and has the local agencies for the Liberty, Reo and Peerless cars.

Mr. Dennison is more than a dealer and is a mechanical expert in all phases of motors. He was born at Sodom in Trumbull County, November 17, 1888, son of William U. and Ella (Warne) Dennison. The family is an old and prominent one in the Mahoning Valley and its members have had much to do with the iron and steel industry here. His father was also a native of Sodom. The grandfather, J. S. Dennison, for many years was associated with the Wicks and Andrews coal mining interests. William U. Dennison, who is now fifty-five years of age and lives at 450 West Norwood, in Youngstown, is superintendent of construction of the Youngstown district for the Carnegie Steel Company. He grew up in the steel business and has held many places of responsibility. He built the new town of McDonald for the steel company. He and his wife are Methodists and he is a republican. They have four children: Mary E., wife of H. J. Mercer, who is with the sheet and tube plant at Youngstown; John W.; Addie P., and James C., still at home.

John W. Dennison attended the public schools of Girard. He learned pattern making by three years of apprenticeship in the pattern shops of tht Upper Carnegie Plant. Since then practically all his attention has been devoted to automobiles and much of his success is due to his expert knowledge of motor construction and machinery in general. At Girard he became agent for the Ford car and has a prosperous and growing business, which he sacrificed in order to answer the call of patriotism. In May, 1918, he entered the army, being assigned to the Tank Corps, and was in training several months at Gettysburg and other points in Pennsylvania. He went overseas in October, 1918, and was in readiness for front line duty when the armistice was signed. He remained

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in France eight months, and was returned to this country May 4, 1919, nearly a year to a day from the date of his enlistment. Mr. Dennison is a member of the Automobile Club and the Automobile Dealers' Association.

William J. Zeller is proprietor and manager of the Girard mills. This is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and an industrial asset to the community and its citizens from almost the pioneer period to the present. The Girard mills were built in 1843, though at subsequent times they have been completely remodeled and improved processes have been installed. The mills were operated by the Baldwins before the latter took over the old City mills at Youngstown. William J. Zeller has been connected with the business since 1898, at which time he became a partner in their operation with John H. Chryst. Since 1916 he has been sole owner.

Mr. Zeller was born on Second Street in Girard, August 9, 1873, son of Louis and Rosanna (Hahn) Zeller. His parents were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, were married in that country, and on coming to the United States settled at Girard. Louis Zeller was a farmer in France, and on locating at Girard worked for a time in the Krehl tannery and afterward followed his trade as a painter and paper hanger, and conducted a shop and store at first on Liberty Street and later on Wilson Avenue. He died in 1898, at the age of sixty-six, and his wife in 1904, at the age of seventy-two. Both were members of the Apostolic Church, a sect opposed to politics and secret fraternities. However, Louis Zeller completed his American citizenship papers in 1884. Of eight children, seven are still living.

William J. Zeller acquired his education in the Girard public schools and at the age of sixteen was working with his father as a painter and paper hanger. He continued that work for several years, until he became a partner with Mr. Chryst in the operation of the Girard mills.

March 10, 1897, he married Ella M. Chryst, daughter of John H. Chryst. Mr. Chryst died in 1917. Mrs. Zeller is also a native of Girard. They have two children: Louis, associated with his father in the mill business, and Gladys. Fraternally Mr. Zeller is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum.

John Jacob Hake. The Hake family for many years has lived at Girard, where they were identified with the livery and transfer business, and John Jacob Hake, of this family, for the past five years has been active in automobile circles, and as a dealer in the Buick car for a dozen townships in Eastern Ohio now has his headquarters at Niles.

Mr. Hake, who was named in honor of his grandfather, was born at Girard February 1, 1887, son of Joseph H. and Sarah (Frazier) Hake. His father, who was born on the original site of Niles, was killed on the railroad crossing at Girard, November 13, 1917, at the age of fifty-five. The widowed mother is still living at Girard, aged fifty-seven. She was born in Liberty Township of Trumbull County. The late Joseph H. Hake began his career with a seven-dollar horse and a three-dollar set of harness. With that modest equipment and a borrowed wagon he began hauling goods, and eventually developed an extensive and prosperous transfer and livery business at Girard. He was very fond of horses, became an expert as a trader and dealer, and it was only after a long struggle that he overcame his prejudice in favor of old Dobbin and took up with the automobile as the modern vehicle. In his later years he operated two saw mills and two farms, and was living on his farm in Holland Township at the time of his death. There were five children in the family: Katharine, wife of James Simons, of Girard; Maud, wife of George Knipshield, of Girard; John Jacob; Belle, wife of M. P. Bushong, of Girard; and Joseph B., who is at home with his mother.

John Jacob Hake attended school at Girard and at the age of fourteen began working in his father's livery barn. He became his father's partner in 1908, but since 1915 has been giving most of his time to his duties as local salesman for the Buick cars. Later he induced his father to sell the livery stock and join him in the automobile business. His territory as salesman for the Buick cars comprises the townships of Liberty, Brookfield, Hubbard, Vienna, Weathersfield, Lordstown, Hartford and Fowler. In order to be nearer the center of this territory Mr. Hake began the building of a commodious plant and salesroom at Niles in February, 1919, but he still resides in Girard.

In 1911 he married Eva M. Pennell, daughter of Thomas B. and Julia Pennell. Her father is a clothing merchant of Girard. Their two children are Julia Virginia, born in 1916, and Joseph David, born in 1920.

Mr. Hake is prominent among automobile men, being a member of the National Automobile Dealers' Association, also of the Ohio State and Trumbull County Dealers' associations, the Warren Automobile Club, and the Ohio Federation of Good Roads. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Elks.

Colwell P. Wilson. The activities that have chiefly distinguished Mr. Wilson have been in the field of finance and banking. Though a resident of Youngstown, he is president of the Niles Trust company, and his business career covers four decades.

Mr. Wilson was born in Newton Falls, Trumbull County, August 19, 1856. His father, Joseph Wilson, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, came to the United States in early manhood. At one time he was a teamster between Pittsburg and Cleveland in the employ of Colwell Porter. He had such admiration for his employer that his son was named in his honor. Colwell Porter was one of the sterling Irish characters of the old times, such as are seldom found nowadays. He died comparatively young, though his activities left an indelible impress upon the material development of the Mahoning Valley. He lived at Austintown, was a merchant, a shipper, operated a large warehouse, and was in fact one of the foremost men of his day.

Joseph Wilson in 1850 bought a farm in Newton Township, Trumbull County, and lived out the rest of his life in that country district. He was a Protestant in religion, and his activities and example were wholesome in every way and did much to influence the development of his locality. He died in 1900. His wife, who died in 1890, was Catherine Potter, a daughter of Edward Potter, of Warren. She was the mother of four children, Colwell P. being the third.

Colwell P. Wilson grew up on a farm, attended district school, and acquired his higher education in Hiram College. He graduated in the scientific course in 1880, and his diploma is signed by James A. Garfield, who in June of the same year was nominated on the republican ticket for President and subsequently elected. After leaving college Mr. Wilson began the study of law in the office of Moses & Arrel at Youngstown. A year later he practically abandoned his professional ambitions to become office manager of the old Youngstown Register, and continued active in the newspaper business until the Register was consolidated with the News. He left the business office of that paper to become connected with the First National Bank, and when he resigned in 1904 he was active cashier. The following five years he handled some important business interests, chiefly in the West, and in 1909 became one of the organizers of the Niles Trust Company and has been its first and only president.

Mr. Wilson is a democrat, but has never put himself in the way of honors or responsibilities of a political nature. He is a Protestant, but not a denominational Christian and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

In 1888 Mr. Wilson married Miss Isabel L. Leitch, of Meander, Trumbull County. Their son, Austin C., now a resident of Youngstown, married Josephine Porter, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

Dennis T. Murray, who served as chairman of the United States Railroad Administration over all railroads of the Mahoning and Chenango valleys, until all lines were returned to the owners on March 1, 1920, is one of the veterans in the railroad service at Youngstown, and a man whose popularity can only be measured by the extent of his acquaintance. He is a typical son of Erin, although born at Ripley, New York, November 13, 1854, a son of Thomas and Theresa (Burke) Murray, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came to the United States singly and were married in New York State, the father arriving in this country about 1835, and from then on until his demise was in the engineering department of various railroads. His death occurred at Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1893. Both he and his wife were Roman Catholics.

Dennis T. Murray is one of the nine children born to his parents, and was reared in his native city and Erie, Pennsylvania, whose schools afforded him an excellent common school education. However, when only ten years old he began to be a wage earner as a water carrier to railroad track layers, and from then on to the present time he has been connected with railroad work, a period of fifty-six years. By degrees he rose to be trackman, switchman, telegraph operator, manager of a telegraph office, trick train dispatcher, assistant trainmaster, chief train dispatcher, division superintendent and assistant general superintendent of the lines west of Buffalo and is now general agent of transportation and traffic. During all of the years Mr. Murray has been in railroad work he has been connected with the New York Central lines.

During the late war Mr. Murray rendered valuable assistance to the government by his transportation of troops and supplies of all kinds, and in record time and with unusual efficiency. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and in conjunction with these organizations did much to forward the raising of funds for war purposes. The Chamber of Commerce has in him one of its most effective members, and in every respect he measures up to the highest standards of American citizenship.

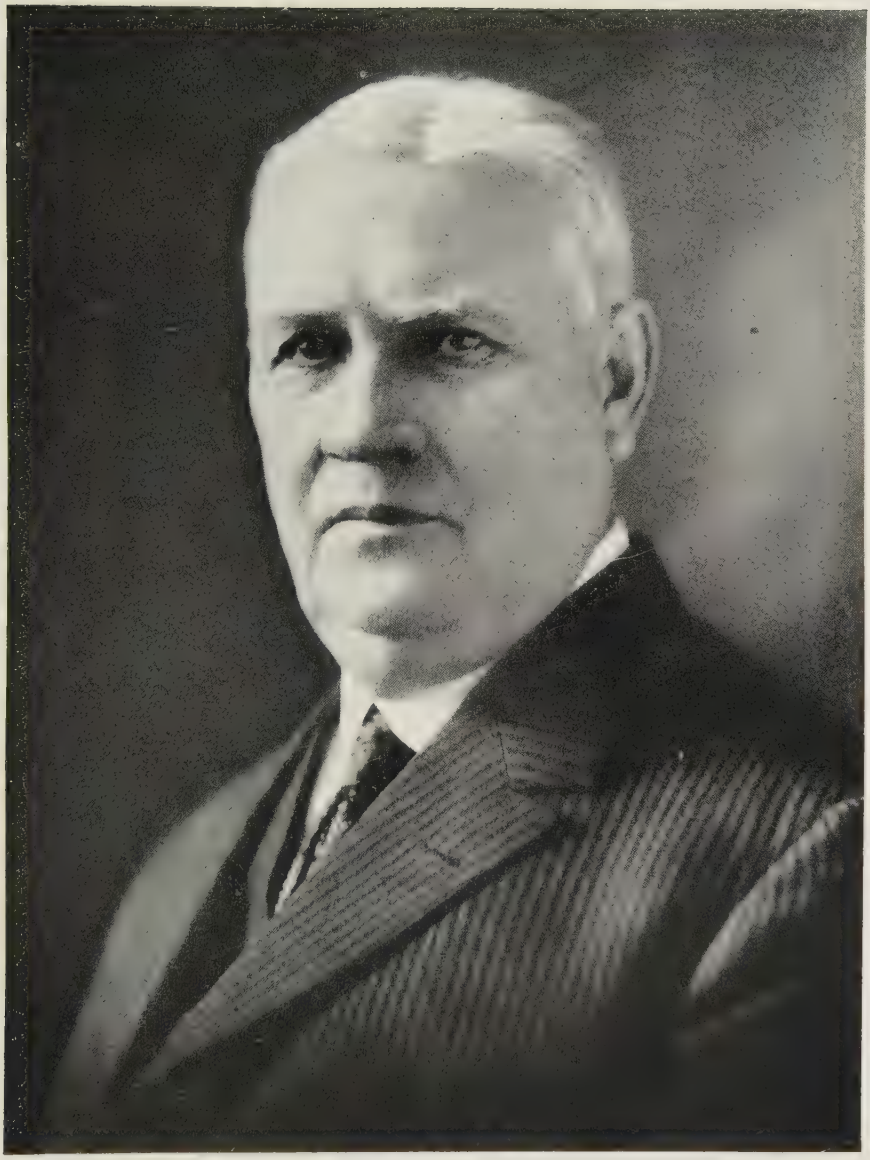
In 1883 Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Miss Nellie F. Hannon, and they have one son, Philip B., who enlisted as a private for service during the great war. After being stationed at nine different camps throughout the country he was eagerly awaiting his orders for overseas service when the signing of the Armistice put an end to his hopes of being at the front.

Mr. Murray is a great-souled, genial man whose sympathies are warm and his heart big. He is possessed of innumerable friends with whom he delights to mingle. It was only a score of years ago that he came to Youngstown, but it is probable that few have a wider acquaintance or possess more actual friends than he, and certainly none deserve this affectionate regard more thoroughly than the jovial ex-chairman of the United States Railroad Commission.

William H. Tritt. While the Mahoning Valley is best known for its iron and steel industry, there are a number of other concerns that afford diversification to the productive energies of the valley. One of these is the Tritt China Company of Niles. The founder and president of the business, William H. Tritt, has spent most of his life in the pottery business, and has developed at Niles one of a number of plants that make up the bulk of a great pottery industry in Eastern Ohio.

Mr. Tritt was born at Lisbon, this state, April 12, 1863, son of William M. and Catherine (Carlisle) Tritt. His grandfather, James Tritt, was a native of Germany and with two brothers and two sisters, all unmarried, came to the United States and located in Madison Township, Columbiana County, Ohio. In that section James Tritt built and operated a grist mill. The mill and the dam have long since passed away, except in the memory of old timers. James Tritt was also a cabinet maker, and in early years his services were demanded for the manufacture of coffins, though the regular line was rocking chairs.

William M. Tritt, father of the Niles manufacturer, grew up at Madison, learned the milling business from his father, and soon after his marriage



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moved to Lisbon, where he was employed as a miller for many years. Later he had charge of a mill at Williamsport, Ohio, where his first wife died and where he married again. He then bought a farm in that neighborhood, and gave to farming the declining years of his life. He was for almost four years a Union soldier during the Civil war, and saw some very hard service and was wounded. He rose to the rank of lieutenant in the cavalry. His death occurred in 1902. By his first marriage he was the father of seven children, the fourth being William H. Tritt.

William H. Tritt was five years of age when his father moved to Williamsport, and he lived there to the age of sixteen. His education was acquired in common schools, and later while working on a farm he attended night school. One of his early employments was in a pottery, and he began his knowledge of that industry as a presser for the firm of Knowles, Taylor and Knowles. At the age of twenty-two he went to one of the greatest pottery industries of Ohio, the noted Sebring Pottery Company at East Liverpool. He was with that company two years as foreman, was then elected general manager, and was supervising head of the technical operations of the industry for fifteen years, giving seventeen years all told to the company.

He finally left the Sebring Company and in 1902 built a pottery at Crooksville, Ohio, and operated the plant for several years. Mr. Tritt in 1910 bought the Bradshaw China Company at Niles, reorganizing as the Tritt China Company with a capital of $100,000, increased now to $150,000. This is an extensive business, employing in normal times two hundred and twenty-five hands. Its special product is porcelain table ware, which has a well justified reputation in the markets of the nation, and is distributed in practically every state of the Union.

Mr. Tritt is a republican, a strong advocate of temperance and universal suffrage, is a Methodist, and is affiliated with the Niles Club and the Masonic fraternity. In 1883 he married Miss May Hulme, of East Liverpool, Ohio. They have five children: Homer L., William Earl, Violet, Wilda and Thelma. Violet is the wife of Roland Lees and Wilda is the widow of Charles Noss.

John C. Frech. For half a century John C. Frech has been an interesting and successful figure in the business life of Niles. His has been a life of work, devoted largely to business routine, but the esteem which greets his name is a mature product of many years' accumulation and is both genuine and real.

Mr. Frech was born January 19, 1845, in the village of Wals Heim, near Landau, Bavaria, Germany, where his father was a farmer. He is a son of Adam John and Katherine (Croizand) Frech, his mother of French extraction. In 1853 the family, consisting of father, mother and five children, immigrated to the United States. Adam John Frech came to this country not only to secure better economic opportunities, but also to avoid the compulsory military duties for his children. They located in what was then Williamsburg, now part of Brooklyn, New York, where the father was employed as a carpenter. Later he was in the grocery business there and spent his last years at Middletown, New York.

John C. Frech was educated in the schools of Williamsburg to the age of twelve, after which he was a clerk in his father's store, peddled milk, and worked at the trade of hand file cutter. On coming to Ohio in 1868 he and his brother Nicholas embarked in the retail meat business at Lowell, where he remained three years, and in 1871 located for his permanent residence in Niles. He was a grocery merchant there for a few years, but in 1874 engaged in the retail meat business, which with few exceptions has been the line of work followed by him for over forty-five years. Mr. Frech has also been a grain dealer, and has the distinction of having purchased the first carload of baled timothy hay and also the first baled straw ever brought to Niles. For a time he owned a local grist mill. A source of undoubted satisfaction to Mr. Frech is that in all the fifty years of his residence at Niles his credit has never been questioned, and that fact of itself is a high degree of testimony to the kind and quality of success he has attained. He has worked with his neighbors and friends in the support of laudable public enterprises, has for half a century been affiliated with the Odd Fellows and for thirty-eight years with the Knights of Pythias, while religiously he is a member of the German Reformed Church and has generously contributed to other denominations.

To his marriage in 1870 with Elizabeth W. Bortz were born twelve children: John A.; Mina, wife of David Lewis, of Youngstown; Robert; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Eli Williams; Helen, who was married to John B. Williams; Charles; Fred, deceased; Harry; Albert; George; William and Frank, both of whom died young. Mr. Frech is proud of the fact that his son George was in the American army and saw active service in France. He has been admitted to the bar and is practicing law. Mr. Frech has always had a high ideal of his American citizenship, and has accepted its responsibilities as a vital part of his private duties.

Roy M. Welch. That the term "self-made man" is a trite phrase is due to the fact that so few men really are the architects of their own fortunes. When someone does thus break through the stereotyped bonds of mediocrity, the novelty and unusualness of the situation is one to occasion comment. While opportunity does not smile at all men with equal favor, he who steps forward and firmly clasps her hand, who has perseverance enough to retain his hold while she whirls him, sometimes clear of firm footholds, through the frenzied crowds of seekers for gain, will in all probability be guided to the goal of his ambitions. This ability to recognize opportunity and the effective willingness to fight his way over and through all obstacles are the salient characteristics of the man called "self-made."

In this class at Youngstown is found Roy M. Welch, assistant to the president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. His boyhood and youth

knew much of the bitterness of hard work and recurring discouragements, but his perseverance and unfailing determination have carried him through to a position of marked responsibility, where he has the confidence of associates who are powers in the business world. Mr. Welch was born at Youngstown, Ohio, September 18, 1880, a son of John M. Welch, also a native of this city, born in 1852, and a grandson of an immigrant from Ireland who became one of the early residents of this community. John M. Welch worked as a millman in the old Brown-Bonnell plant, first as a nail-cutter and later in the puddling department, and died in 1901. He married Harriet Hubler, and they became the parents of seven children.

Roy M. Welch has always lived at Youngstown. He attended the public schools in boyhood and at the age of eighteen years secured employment at the Ohio Works unloading coal. He remained at the same plant until 1901, working as a common laborer and clerk in the store room, but in December of that year became storekeeper for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. From that position he was advanced to assistant purchasing agent, and was then made secretary to the then second vice president of the company, C. S. Robinson, who is now vice president, and later was appointed special agent of the company in charge of material claims. In November, 1917, he was advanced to his present position, as assistant to the president of the corporation.

Mr. Welch is a member of the Youngstown Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and is a Knight Templar York Rite and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He was married August 1, 1900, to Miss Nina Thornton, a daughter of Stephen and Hattie Thornton, of Youngstown, and they have three children, namely: Evalyn, Hazel and Roy M., Jr.

Stephen S. Conroy is one of the leading attorneys of Youngstown, whose record both in private practice and public life is of an unblemished character. It is claimed for him that he never makes any argument in court without displaying his habits of thinking, resorting at once to some well-founded principle of law, and drawing his deductions logically from his premises. He has risen in his profession because of his profound grasp and penetration, his power of analysis and the strength of his understanding, and has consequently been connected with some very important jurisprudence in this part of the state.

Stephen S. Conroy was born in Youngstown, December 25, 1869, a son of Martin H. and Helen (Sheridan) Conroy. Martin H. Conroy was born in Ireland, where he was reared and lived until he had reached his maturity. In 1866 he came to the United States, and after a short period spent at Cleveland, Ohio, came to Youngstown, and was connected with the iron industry here, like so many others of his nationality, until his death, which occurred in 1905. His widow, to whom he had been married in Youngstown, survived him until 1918, when she, too, passed away.

One of the six children born to his parents, Stephen S. Conroy was reared at Youngstown, and was graduated from the Rayen High School in 1889. He then took up the study of law in the office of Hal K. Taylor, and after two years was admitted to the bar in 1892. At once he opened an office and awaited for clients, who were slow in materializing, but in time he became known and his abilities generally recognized, so that no surprise was felt when in 1899 he was appointed city solicitor. So well did he fill the office that he was elected to the office in 1900, and re-elected in 1902, and after the change by the municipal code in 1903, serving in all for five consecutive years. Mr. Conroy then resumed his private practice. In 1908 he became a member of the present firm of Hine, Kennedy, Manchester, Conroy & Ford, although the caption has been changed since that time. This is one of the strongest legal firms in Mahoning County, if not in the state, and they handle cases of great magnitude.

On December 27, 1911, Mr. Conroy was united in marriage with Miss Isabelle Brenner, a daughter of Levi Brenner. Mr. Conroy is a republican. He belongs to the two Youngstown clubs and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Edgar G. Murray, purchasing agent of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company of Youngstown, Ohio, is a native of the Mahoning Valley of Ohio, his birth having occurred at Hubbard, this state, October 23, 1872. His father, Gilman S. Murray, was born at Youngstown in 1847, a son of James and Louisa (Folsom) Murray, who were among the early pioneers of Youngstown.

Gilman S. Murray grew up at Youngstown, and for a time was engaged here in mercantile pursuits. He also was a traveling salesman for Knox, the hatter, and prior to this taught penmanship for an uncle, E. G. Folsom, in a business college at Albany, New York. After being with the hat manufacturer, Mr. Murray embarked in the jewelry business at Buffalo, New York, and from that city returned to Youngstown, where he is now living in retirement. Before attaining his majority he married Susan B. Carroll, of New York City, and they had four children, of whom three survive.

Edgar G. Murray has spent the greater part of his life at Youngstown. In boyhood days he attended the Front, Elm and Wood streets schools and the Rayen High School, and this was followed by a business college course in bookkeeping and shorthand, his business career starting as a collector for the Commercial National Bank. About a year later he became timekeeper and paymaster for the Youngstown Bridge Company, and two years after this entered the employ of the old Ohio Steel Company, now the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company, as stenographer and invoice clerk, being promoted two years later to the position of assistant to Hugh B. Wick, who at that time was purchasing agent. When this concern was absorbed by the National Steel Company Mr. Murray continued to fill the same position under Mr. Wick. In course of time the National Steel Company became a part

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of the Carnegie Steel Company, at the time of the formation of the United States Steel Corporation, and Mr. Murray went to Pittsburgh and became one of the purchasing agents under H. A. Fennerty, purchasing agent of the Carnegie Steel Company. He continued thus until September, 1902, since which time he has been purchasing agent of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

Mr. Murray is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, and his religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church. In May, 1900, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Lee. of Poland, Ohio, and they have had two children: Lee, who died in infancy; and Robert.

HARRY S. BRAMAN. The connection of Harry S. Braman with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company has extended over the period beginning in July, 1907, when he began his service with this corporation as superintendent of the Sharpsville furnaces. Later he became superintendent of the East Youngstown and Sharpsville furnaces, then, in 1912, was made superintendent of the blast furnaces and steel department, which included the open hearth, Bessemer, blooming and continuous mills, and this position he has continued to fill with excellent ability.

Mr. Braman was born at Terre Haute, Indiana, December 10, 1879, a son of Charles L. Braman, now deceased, who was a wholesale dry goods merchant of that city, the mother having formerly been Annie E. Scott. Charles L. Braman was an officer during the war between the North and the South, as a member of the 133d Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. One of a family of five children, Harry Scott Braman was reared in his native city and was graduated at the high school there, following which he matriculated at Rose Polytechnic Institute in 1899, and there in 1903 received his degree after completing the mechanical course. While at college he took an active part in athletic sports and was pitcher for the college baseball team. After graduation he came to Youngstown, where he became pitcher for the Ohio Works baseball team, and continued thus occupied during two summer seasons, in the meanwhile working winters in the electrical department of that company. After this he continued work for the same plant, first as burden clerk for the blast furnace superintendent and then as a blast furnace blower, from which he was advanced to turn foreman. At this time he entered the employ of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and his career as an employe of this concern has developed as noted above. He is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Poland Country Club, and is a thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Knight Templar York Rite Mason and a member of Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, Ohio. In politics a republican, at the present time he is a member of the City Council of Poland, where he makes his home.

Mr. Braman was married June 7, 1904, to Miss Cecelia Barker, of Terre Haute, Indiana, and they are the parents of two living children: Katherine Jane and Charles Lester.

JAMES MARK SCOVILLE, M. D. Among the members of the medical profession of the Mahoning Valley who have won success and merited recognition in medicine and surgery is James M. Scoville of Warren.

Doctor Scoville was born at Hubbard, Trumbull County, the son of Selden N. and Emeline (Burnett) Scoville, the father a native of Connecticut, the mother of Hubbard, she being the daughter of James Burnett, an early citizen of Hubbard.

Doctor Scoville was educated in the West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, public schools, Willoughby College, Ohio, and Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from the Medical Department of Western Reserve University as an M. D. with the class of '85, and entered the practice of medicine at Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, the same year. In 1899 he located in Warren, and for the past twenty-two years he has been one of the successful and representative physicians and surgeons of the Mahoning Valley.

Doctor Scoville is a member of the staff of the Warren City Hospital as Roentgenologist in charge of X-ray work, and he is a member of the Trumbull County and Ohio State Medical Societies. He served four years as county coroner, and has been active, not only in professional life, but in all the civic and social affairs of the city in which he has attained prominence. He is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Country Club.

Doctor Scoville was united in marriage with Eunice Goodwin, daughter of John M. and Helen (Van Pelt) Goodwin, of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Scoville is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. To Doctor and Mrs. Scoville one son has been born, James M., Jr., who is a student at the University of Michigan, class of '21.

While Doctor Scoville has been winning a high place in the medical affairs of the valley, he has won also a place among the worth-while citizens of Warren. His ready response to all calls made upon him for aid in the consummation of public movements having for their aim the progress and welfare of the city, and his keen interest in public affairs generally stamps him as a valuable, public-spirited citizen. By nature Doctor Scoville is unostentatious, even retiring, but his personality and sterling qualities have won for him the friendship of his associates and the respect of all who know him.

ALBERT W. SMITH. The satisfying of ambitious ideas in some cases results in the accomplishment of every ultimate aim and a consequent cessation of effort. Those who rise recognize the possibilities of successful attainment and continually strive energetically and perseveringly, actuated by a determination to win that results in the reaching of a position of prominence and influence along whatever line the aspirant follows. Among the men connected with the big industry of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company it is found that those who have attained success in considerable degree are those who have

exercised self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy and perseverance, and in this class is found Albert W. Smith, who within the period of several years has advanced to the position of assistant superintendent of the steel department, being also in charge of the open hearth department.

Mr. Smith was born May 27, 1891, at Pueblo, Colorado, one of two children born to William and Frances (Glover) Smith. His father, a native of Iowa, went in young manhood to Colorado, where for a period of thirty-five years he has been identified in an official capacity with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Albert W. Smith was reared at Pueblo, where he attended the public schools and was graduated from high school in 1909. He subsequently entered the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado, from which he was graduated in 1914, after specializing in mining and metallurgy. For six months after his collegiate career he was employed as chemist for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, and then came to Youngstown, Ohio, where he accepted a position as inspector in the metallurgical department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, with which he has since been identified. Following this he became assistant foreman of the blooming mills, and then assistant superintendent of the open hearth department. In May, 1919, he was appointed to his present position. Mr. Smith is a member of Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Youngstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, also a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute and of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi college fraternities. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church, and in politics he is a republican.

Patrick M. Kennedy. The chief characteristics of Patrick M. Kennedy, well known business man of Youngstown, are keenness of perception, and unflagging energy, honesty of purpose and motive and everyday common sense, which have enabled him not only to advance his own interests, but also largely contribute to the material and moral advancement of the community. Landing from a foreign strand on our shores in earliest childhood, he has worked his way from a modest beginning, step by step, to a position of no mean importance by his individual efforts, practically unaided, which fact makes him the more worthy of the praise which is so freely accorded him by his fellow men, his life having been one of unceasing industry and perseverance.

Patrick M. Kennedy was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, on the 2d day of April, 1853, one of sixteen children born to Patrick and Catharine (Mahar) Kennedy. Of this large family but three are now living. In the spring of 1855, Patrick Kennedy, senior, was dispossessed of his little home in Ireland and, leaving his family in the old country, came to the United States on a sailing vessel. After establishing a home at Seneca Lake, New York, he sent for his family, and for two years thereafter they lived there, he being engaged in farming. Then, having friends in Youngstown, Ohio, he moved here and thereafter for several years was connected with the iron furnace business as a worker and contractor. In 1877 he settled on a farm east of Youngstown, where he passed the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1879. He was a Roman Catholic in his religious faith and was a man of unusual natural ability. Had he had an education commensurate with his ability he would have achieved success in any calling he might have selected. He came to this country poor, but by indefatigable industry and good judgment in his contracting and shrewdness in real estate investments he accumulated a fair share of this world's goods.

Patrick M. Kennedy, the immediate subject of this sketch, has known practically no other home than Youngstown. Here he received his education in the public and parochial schools. After leaving school he became associated with his father in business, remaining with him until 1872, after which he engaged in mercantile pursuits, and, later, was engaged in the coal business for about two years. When he retired from the latter enterprise he became secretary and treasurer of the Excelsior Building Association, which position he still retains. This company was originally organized by Mr. Kennedy's father and other men who had foregathered here for mutual benefit. Mr. Kennedy also engaged in farming for a time. In 1889 he became associated with James M. McKay in the Home Building and Loan Association, and he has since continued with that association and its successor, the Home Savings and Loan Company, of which he became president, succeeding the late Hon. John R. Davis. Prior to that time he had been vice president of the association from the time he became associated with Mr. McKay. He was a charter member of the Dollar Bank, now known as the Dollar Savings and Trust Company and is a stockholder in that institution and the First National Bank. He was also one of the organizers of the Central Bank and Trust Company, in which he is a director and member of the executive committee.

Politically Mr. Kennedy takes an independent attitude, though he takes a keen interest in public affairs, especially as relating to the community in which he lives. He served two terms (1880-84) as a member of the City Council, but aside from that he has consistently declined to accept public office. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He has lived to see and take a prominent part in the later-day growth of the community, being one of its wisest counselors and hardest workers. His life of honor and trust has been characterized by consistency in everything he has undertaken, and his career in all the relations of life has been utterly without pretense. He is held in the highest esteem by all who know him, and because of his earnest life, high attainments, well rounded character and large influence he is eminently entitled to representation in a work of the character of the one in hand.

August C. Jacob, steel plant and open hearth master mechanic of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, has been with this corporation practically since the plant was built. As a matter of fact, in 1901, where the plants now stand, a swamp extended

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far and wide, and at that time he began as a helper in the rigger, or construction department, at $1.45 per day. Ever since he has been continuously in the employ of this corporation—a period of nearly twenty years. When he came here the only completed building was a wooden office structure, although the machine shops were under process of construction, but uncompleted. He has seen the marvelous growth of this concern to its present great proportions and has helped in its construction. From a helper he became a sub-foreman in the rigger department, then was made assistant general foreman in this department, and in 1913 was made general foreman of riggers of all plants of the sheet and tube plant, including the main plant, coke plant, rod and wire department and the Hubbard furnaces. This position he held until 1917, at which time he was made master mechanic of the open hearth and steel departments, a position he now occupies. He has helped to build, either as general foreman or assistant foreman, practically all machinery in the plant.

August C. Jacob was born in Germany, August 16, 1881. When six weeks old he was brought by his parents, Gottlieb and Louise (Schmitt) Jacob, to the United States, and the family at once located at Youngstown. Here the father secured his naturalization papers, and has been an American ever since, a lover of its institutions and in every sense loyal to the country of his adoption. One of his sons, Adam William Jacob, volunteered in the war against Germany, and bravely bore his part in that titanic struggle on the fields of France.

August C. Jacob has never known any home except Youngstown. Here he grew up, was educated in the public schools, and at the age of fourteen years began working for a brick layer contractor as timekeeper. He also worked for the National Tube Mills at Haselton, and has since been with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, as noted above. In religion he is a member of the English Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Youngstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Buechner Council, Royal and Select Masters; St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar; Hiram Lodge of Perfection, Youngstown Council Princes of Jerusalem; Youngstown Chapter Rose Croix, Lake Erie Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland.

On January 1, 1904, Mr. Jacob was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Cornelia Beilstein, and they have two children: Thelma May and Elizabeth Louise. Mr. Jacob was chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, of the fourth issue, in the mechanical and electrical departments of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, a committee which raised $750,000.

Frank C. Farrell. Among the men who have contributed to the development and prosperity of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, one who has made rapid progress and whose ability and fidelity have gained due reward is Frank C. Farrell, assistant superintendent of the blast furnaces and steel department. Mr. Farrell is a native of Youngstown, where his birth occurred April 12, 1883, and is one of the twelve children born to John and Ella (Young) Farrell, natives of Lisbon, Ohio. Mr. Farrell is a grandson of James Farrell, one of the very early white settlers of Ohio, residing at Sandusky, while on the maternal side he is also descended from pioneer stock of Ohio, his mother's people living at Fairfield, near Lisbon.

As a boy Frank C. Farrell attended the public schools, being graduated from Rayen High School in 1902, and his first employment was as a newsboy on the streets of his native city. His first important employment was as a clerk for the Stambaugh-Thompson Company, hardware merchants of Youngstown, and subsequently he entered the employ of the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company as water boy. He continued with the Ohio Works until he had become turn foreman of the converting mill, but in 1909 resigned this position to accept that of turn foreman of the converting mill of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, a corporation with which he has since been identified. He has subsequently filled the positions of general foreman of the converting mill, assistant superintendent of the Bessemer plant and assistant superintendent of the blast furnaces and steel department. He is one of the trusted men of this great corporation, and has also the confidence of his associates and the good will and respect of his men. Mr. Farrell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Knight Templar of the York Rite, and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. In religion he is identified with the First Presbyterian Church, and his political beliefs make him independent in his stand.

Mr. Farrell was married in May, 1906, to Miss Sarah Radcliffe, of Youngstown, Ohio, a daughter of William Q. and Sarah (Harrington) Radcliffe, and to this union there have been born two children: Charlotte and Jane.

Renwick Martin Kirk. The Kirk family, or Kirkpatrick family as it is in early records, is one of long association with Mahoning County, Ohio, five generations having now had residence in the county. The first to be of Mahoning County birth was Isaac Kirkpatrick, father of Renwick Martin Kirk(patrick). The latter, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer of Canfield, and formerly of Ellsworth Township, is himself well advanced in years, having been born in 1846. His father, Isaac, was born in Jackson Township in 1811, so that it is possible the Kirkpatrick family was in the Mahoning Valley for some years prior to that.

The family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the Kirkpatricks being from County Down, Ireland, where Robert Kirkpatrick, the pioneer ancestor in the Mahoning Valley, was born. He and his wife, Catherine Ewing, settled in the southeastern part of Jackson Township, and there Isaac was born in 1811. The Ewing family had also settled in the same

township, but data regarding them are not now available, Mr. R. M. Kirk, great-grandson, not having been born in their life-time. Of his grandmother, Catherine (Ewing) Kirkpatrick, however, he is able to recall very much. Robert Kirkpatrick and his wife and family lived in Jackson Township for many years, during which he did much clearing of land. He built a substantial house of brick in about 1820 or 1821. Their son Isaac, who always used the full name Kirkpatrick, of the family, moved in early manhood to the farm where Rosemont Station now stands. He met Eliza McAnlis, in Eden Valley, Pennsylvania, and she became his wife. She had spent her girlhood in that place. She had been born in Ireland, and was only six years old when her parents came to America with her, the voyage taking six weeks. Soon after he had married Eliza McAnlis, Isaac Kirkpatrick and his brother Martin settled on the 400 acres purchased by their grandfather Kirk at a cost of $1.75 per acre. The brothers each cleared his own tract, Isaac's being situated about five miles from the old Kirkpatrick homestead; and in time each brother had a good agricultural holding. Martin's farm is still in possession of his son Gibson, and Isaac willed his farm to his children. He had brought it into a good state of cultivation; indeed, it was considered to be one of the best farms in the district, and eventually it became the site of Rosemont Railway Station. But Isaac resolved to move into Kansas when that state was opened. He went into Kansas, bought land there, but he only held it for a few years. Isaac Kirkpatrick was well-known among agriculturists in Mahoning County. Politically he was a republican, and by religious conviction was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian, or Covenanters, Church. He came into some prominence as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, South Down sheep, and Chester White hogs, and had much success as an exhibitor at agricultural fairs.

Isaac Kirkpatrick had an interesting part in the development and perfecting of the Buckeye mower and reaper. Mr. R. M. Kirk, of Canfield, son of Isaac Kirkpatrick, testifies that the first mowing machine he saw was in 1858, when he saw his father testing one at the request of its inventor, Colonel E. Ball. The machine ultimately was worn out in experiments on the Kirkpatrick farm, and those experiments resulted in the perfected Buckeye machine ultimately placed on the market. Isaac Kirkpatrick appears to have been of experimental inclination, and probably of innate mechanical aptitude. He had on his farm the first threshing machine marketed, and a chaff piler, merely a cylinder, the power coming to cylinder from belt motivated by horse power. This was later replaced by the tumbling rod. Isaac and Eliza (McAnlis) Kirkpatrick were the parents of six children, five of whom were sons. The children, in their order of birth, were Robert A., who was a veteran of the Civil war. He died in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the age of seventy-six years. He was for many years a wholesale hardware merchant in that city. James M., also a veteran of the civil war, died in California, to which state he retired after having been for many years in business as a merchant in Wheeling, West Virginia, and at New Castle, Pennsylvania. Susan, who now lievs in Canfield, is the widow of William Kernohan. who during his life-time was a farmer and merchant at Canfield. Renwick Martin is mentioned below. William John, who is a commercial salesman, resides in Kansas City, Missouri; Saul S. died in Chicago.

Renwick Martin Kirk(patrick), fourth child of Isaac and Eliza (McAnlis) Kirkpatrick, was born in Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, July 8, 1846. He spent his boyhood on the parental farm, attending the academy at Ellsworth in Jackson Township. His boyhood days probably were more or less filled by the responsibility of minor tasks upon the home farm, and, as was customary in his early days among the sons of farmers, he spent most of the long summer vacations in harvesting occupations on his father's farm. Long before his years of schooling had passed he had become familiar with most of the operations of agricultural pursuits. And by the time he had closed his schooling he may probably also be said to have completed his apprenticeship in farming. It was quite natural therefore that he should take to agriculture as a life occupation. He married when he was twenty-three years old, and his father bought him a farm of eighty acres, situated about a half mile distant from the Village of Rosemont. This he eventually sold to advantage, purchasing about that time another and larger farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres at Ellsworth Station. There he lived, steadily farming for about forty years, and the property still belongs to him, his eldest son having taken over the responsibility of its management since the father moved into Canfield to retire from strenuous labors. Renwick Martin Kirk, who has adhered to the shorter name Kirk, an Americanization of his patronymic, Kirkpatrick, succeeded well by his long period of consistent and enterprising farming. Ellsworth Station started on his farm, and it also is the postoffice for the township, Mr. Kirk being instrumental in establishing the Ellsworth Station postoffice. All mail has since been distributed from there. The farm is a well improved one with good buildings, and the house that was erected in the early seventies is still standing and in good preservation. Mr. R. M. Kirk remained on the farm until about 1906, since which year it has been operated by his eldest son, Robert C.

Throughout his life Mr. Kirk has taken close interest in the affairs of his township. For several years he was township trustee, and, had he wished, he might have been elected to other township offices. He is generally well-regarded, is known to have been a good farmer, was a reliable, responsible and well-disposed neighbor, and was of estimable private life. Ever since the establishment of the republican party he has followed that cause, and in his district has at times exercised appreciable influence for the candidates of that party. He is a good Christian and churchman, both he and his wife being members of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, whom he married in 1869, was Mary C. Gault, who

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was of his own own age, and was born in North Jackson Township, daughter of Andrew and May (Ewing) Gault, her genealogy coming into that of the Ewing family, her mother having been a cousin of the Ewings, and also of his own father. And to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kirk have been born the following named children: Robert Carey, who is in charge of the parental farm at Ellsworth Station; Jessie V., widow of Charles Fitch, and she and her two children, Josephine and Richard, live with her parents in Canfield; Frank McAnlis, a coal operator in Cleveland, Ohio, married Lucille Malcolm, but there has been no issue; Jean, who married Edward Dickson, of Homestead, Pennsylvania; and R. C., who married Helen Hall, of Youngstown, and they have four sons, Robert Hall, Martin Henry, Malcolm and Charles.

Gerald F. Hammond, of the law firm of Moore, Barnum & Hammond, has been a member of the Mahoning County bar since 1908, and in that time has distinguished himself for his industry, and has demonstrated his ability along the special line of building law. He is attorney for nearly all the lumber companies and building supply dealers in the Mahoning Valley.

His parents, Martin and Edna (Rowe) Hammond, were farmers in Ashtabula County, and his father was an old soldier, a veteran of Company K of the 29th Ohio Infantry. Gerald F. Hammond was born on his father's farm April 13, 1881, grew up there, attended district schools, the county high school, and for four years was a student at Oberlin College. He took his law course in the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in 1908 and soon afterward began the practice of law at Youngstown. He is a member of the Mahoning County and State Bar associations, the Kiwanis Club, the Youngstown Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and is a republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

In 1911 he married Miss Hazel McCreary, daughter of Enoch and Mary McCreary, of New Castle, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Rae Esther and Robert Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond are members of the First Christian Church.

Daniel Campbell, M. D. For nearly forty years the talents of Dr. D. Campbell have covered a wide field of professional service in and around Canfield, and at the same time he has expressed his energy and public spirit in behalf of many causes connected with the general welfare and the commercial life of his town. Doctor Campbell is president of the Farmers National Bank of Canfield and is a recognized leader in community affairs.

The Campbell family has been identified with the Mahoning Valley for over half a century. Doctor Campbell was born near West Point, Ohio, April 1, 1851. His parents were Peter and Mary (Rennie) Campbell, natives of Scotland, his father being a highlander and his mother a lowlander. Peter Campbell was a tailor by trade. In 1837 he and his wife came to America by sailing vessel, traveled westward by canal and lake to Cleveland and thence by wagon to Columbiana County. He went to Columbiana County influenced by the presence of a brother who had already become identified with a Scotch settlement in Madison Township. In 1864 Peter Campbell came to Youngstown and bought a farm near the city, now known as the Campbell Allotment, opposite Haselton. The farm at that time was two miles east of Youngstown, but is now in the city limits. The old homestead is now occupied by Peter Campbell's grandson, Bruce Campbell, a nephew of Doctor Campbell. Peter Campbell died at the age of eighty-one and his wife at seventy-six. He was a faithful adherent of the Presbyterian Church but never took any interest in politics. Of his twelve children eleven reached mature years. The three sons were William, father of P. S. and Bruce Campbell; Daniel; and James, whose death at the age age of twenty-eight cut short a promising career as a scholar and lawyer. He was a graduate of the Rayen High School, attended Western Reserve University and Williams College, and was studying law under Col. Thomas Sanderson when he died unmarried. Four of the daughters are still living: Mary, widow of Robert McLauchlan, a former coal operator at Cleveland; Sarah, who lived at Cleveland, widow of William Poultney, a former furnace manager at Haselton; Louise, now living retired at Cleveland, where for a number of years she was a teacher in the public schools; and Martha, wife of M. W. Zedeker, a well known resident of Poland. The other daughters were: Janet, who married David Elton and both died at Cleveland; Margaret, who married Ed Finley, and both died in Florida, their son William Finley being a resident of Poland; Elizabeth, who died when past fifty, the wife of Hamilton Harris, a resident of Youngstown; Helen (deceased), who was the wife of T. H. Shingledecker, who lives at Struthers.

Dr. Daniel Campbell was thirteen years of age when his parents located on the old farm near Youngstown. He grew up there, graduated from the Rayen High School, and received his degree in medicine from the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland in 1881. He immediately began practice, and for nearly thirty-nine years has had his home in Canfield. Only two other physicians in Mahoning County when he began practice still remain, Doctor Peck and Doctor Schiller, both of Youngstown. Doctor Campbell has given his time and talents to a general practice, and especially in the earlier years performed his full share of the arduous labors of a country doctor, riding and driving over all sorts of roads and in all kinds of weather. He has been active in the medical societies, served four years on the pension board during Cleveland's second administration, and has filled a similar place under President Wilson.

Doctor Campbell is the only survivor of the original board of the Farmers National Bank of Canfield, and has been a director continuously ever since. He has filled the office of president for the past three or four years and has always been a member of its financial committee. He has held all the local offices in the village, including that of

mayor, has been president of the school board and was secretary and president of the board of the old Northeastern Normal School at Canfield. Politically his affiliations have always been with the democratic party. Doctor Campbell is also a prominent layman of the Presbyterian Church, has been an elder at Canfield for thirty years, and has served as a delegate to the General Assemblies at Minneapolis and Buffalo. He was instrumental in the establishment of the local lodge of Masons at Canfield, in which he has held all the chairs, and is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templar Commandery at Youngstown. For twenty-four years Doctor Campbell was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School.

In March, 1882, he married Lucy Edwards, whose father, Pierpont Edwards, was for many years a merchant and tanner at Canfield, where she was reared. Her death occurred in June, 1886. She was survived by two children: Carl H., a practicing physician at Canfield; and Winnifred C., a graduate of the Woman's College of the Western Reserve University with the degree A. B. She was a nurse who served as night superintendent of Base Hospital No. 31, spending one year in France, and until April, 1919, was in the Welfare Department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. At that time she went into Red Cross work, remaining until August, 1920. May 6, 1890, Doctor Campbell married Martha Patch, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She was born at Orland, Indiana, a daughter of Rev. Jacob Patch, a Presbyterian minister who came west from Groton, Massachusetts. Her mother, Jane Bush, was a native of Hanover, New Hampshire. Her father died at the age of ninety-five and her mother at ninety-four. Mrs. Campbell is a graduate of the Western Female Seminary at Oxford, Ohio, also attended college at Mount Holyoke, Massachusetts, and for some time before her marriage was a teacher in the Poynette Academy in Wisconsin. Doctor and Mrs. Campbell reared in their home Alice Haswell from the age of six years, and she still regards this as her own home.

Dr. Carl H. Campbell was born, April 20, 1883, at Canfield. He is a graduate of the Northeastern Normal College of Canfield. He is also a graduate of Wooster University, of Wooster, Ohio, where he received the degree A. B. His medical education was obtained in the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio, where he received the degree M. D. in 1909, since which time he has been practicing in Canfield. On August 29, 1917, he married Isabel Armstrong, of Cleveland, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Armstrong, of Cleveland. They have two sons, Donald A. and James E.

Lyman Betz Frederick is one of the esteemed residents of Boardman Township, now living on his farm and has devoted many years to agricultural pursuits. He was born at Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, on December 25, 1847, a son of Zebulon, grandson of Samuel and great-grandson of Thomas Frederick. Thomas Frederick and his brother were captured by the Indians, and remained in captivity several years. He finally escaped and made his way back to his mother, who identified him by a scar on his neck. His brother was never heard from. Zebulon Frederick became a farmer. When his son Lyman B. Frederick was two years old he came to Mahoning County and located in Green Township, where he spent the remainder of his useful life, dying at the age of seventy-six years.

Lyman Betz Frederick was reared in Green Township and attended the Poland Seminary, where he had as classmates L. R. Jackson and Brown Williams, both of whom later became noted attorneys. Following the completion of his studies Mr. Frederick taught school for eight terms in Green and Beaver townships, and many of his old pupils are numbered among the worthwhile men and women of this and other sections.

Lyman Betz Frederick was married to Laura Kirk, whose father, William Kirk, owned the present farm of Mr. Frederick. Mrs. Frederick was born at New Albany, Ohio. Mr. Kirk died at the age of seventy-six years. In 1887 Lyman B. Frederick took charge of the Kirk farm, and has lived on it for thirty-three years, and has owned it for some years. Recently he sold a portion of the farm to the High Tension Electric Road, but retains the remainder. Mr. Frederick has erected a silo, added to the stable and made other improvements. He and his son R. E. are engaged in dairying, their cattle being thoroughbred Jersey stock, which has been exhibited at county fairs. In politics he is a republican, and for fourteen years served as township clerk and until recently was road superintendent. Being a firm believer in good roads, he is taking an active part in the movement calculated to stimulate interest in further improvements of the roads in the county. The Poland Presbyterian Church holds his membership. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick became the parents of the following children: William K., who lives at Wheeling, West Virginia, is connected with the Scranton Correspondence School; Charles L., who lives at Portsmouth, Ohio; Blanche A., who married Edgar McCullough, of Poland, Ohio; Roy Edwin, who is mentioned below; and James Allen, who lives on a farm adjoining that of his father.

Roy Edwin Frederick, proprietor of the Walnut Springs Herd of Jersey cattle in Boardman Township, was born in Green Township on April 23, 1883. After acquiring a practical experience in dairy work under his father's instruction Mr. Frederick worked in the dairy department of the Ohio State University as supervising official of tests for the State Agricultural College. In 1906 he started his herd of Jersey cattle and now has twenty-eight head. Mr. Frederick has exhibited his cattle at county fairs and won a full share of honors with them. He bred and raised cows that held the state championship for several years, and also raised two Gold Medal cows, and his product is sought by breeders who pay fancy prices. Mr. Frederick is active in the Farm Bureau, which he helped to organize, and his ability and experience as a stockman are so generally recognized

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that he is usually called upon to act as judge of stock at both the county and state fairs.

Roy Edwin Frederick was married to Florence Hughes, and they have three children, namely: Lyman Henry, Robert Hugh and Harry Hughes. Both Mr. Frederick and his father are held in the highest esteem in Mahoning County, and are recognized as men who have contributed much toward the advancement of agricultural interests in this region, and the development of a local pride in the quality of the stock bred and handled. The name of the farm is recognized as a guarantee of superiority, and that of their family as synonymous with good citizenship and upright living. It is such men as those bearing the name of Frederick who have made Ohio the great commonwealth it is today, and the efforts of the present generation are still directed toward a maintenance of this desirable prestige.

Alvin W. Craver. Only those who come into personal contact with Alvin W. Craver, one of the able and successful lawyers of this section of the Buckeye state, can understand how thoroughly nature and training, habits of thought and action have enabled him to accomplish his life work and made him a fit representative of the profession to which he belongs. He is a fine type of the sturdy, conscientious, progressive American of today—a man who united a high order of ability with courage, patriotism, clean morality and sound common sense, doing thoroughly and well the work that he finds to do and asking praise of no man for the performance of what he conceives to be his simple duty.

Alvin W. Craver is a native son of the county now honored by his citizenship, having been born at North Jackson on September 22, 1872. William Craver, his father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ohio many years ago, first locating in Trumbull County, but later removing to Mahoning County, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1901. He became one of the leading farmers of his community and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He married Mary Wanamaker, a daughter of Nathan Wanamaker, of North Jackson.

Alvin W. Craver was reared on his father's farm, where he assisted in the labors of agriculture and attended the neighboring schools. Subsequently he became a student in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and during the following eight years he alternately attended the university and taught school. In 1897 he graduated from the law department of the university, was admitted to the bar, and immediately afterward he came to Youngstown and entered upon the practice of his profession. His abilities were quickly recognized and he rendered efficient service as assistant to the prosecuting attorney from 1900 to 1903. In 1907 he was elected mayor of Youngstown, and in 1909 was elected to succeed himself. In 1912 he resumed the practice of law, in which he was busily engaged until 1918, when he was again elected to the mayoralty, in which he served until January 1, 1920. He is a member of the law firm of Craver, Diser, Huey and Starrs, which has always commanded its full share of the legal business in the local courts.

The several administrations of Mayor Craver have reflected credit on his ability and sound judgment, and many needed reforms and improvements have been inaugurated and completed. It was during Mayor Craver's second administration that the land was purchased and bonds authorized and the Milton Dam located, and land was purchased for the construction of the present mammoth reservoir, giving to Youngstown an auxiliary to its water supply, which will be adequate in supplying its demands for the next fifty years. It may be truthfully said that he was the father of this much needed improvement. Among other improvements may be mentioned the widening of West Federal Street; the beginning of construction of the Mill Creek Park District sewer, involving an expenditure of over $500,000; a complete reorganization of the city water department, through which it was brought from a non-paying basis to a self-sustaining basis and at the same time providing the best water that has ever been supplied to Youngstown, the improvement including the best purification plant, with the best management, of any city in Ohio; the grade-crossing question has also been revived, it having lagged because of the exigencies of the recent war, and which will eventually involve the expenditure of several millions of dollars; through the city health department, the free treatment of venereal disease was inaugurated. In many ways Mr. Craver has shown a desire to promote in every way possible the welfare of the whole people, and his several administrations will go into local history as among the very best the city has ever had.

On June 26, 1901, Mr. Craver was united in marriage with Jeanette Noble, a daughter of Albie V. Noble, of St. Marys, Auglaize County, Ohio. Fraternally Mr. Craver is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His social relations are with the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club. Genial and companionable to a marked degree, Mr. Craver is also a great lover of outdoor sports and of fine horses. Equally noted as a citizen whose useful career has conferred credit on the city and whose marked abilities and sterling qualities have won for him more than local repute, he holds distinctive precedence as one of the most enterprising and progressive men of his community. Strong mental powers, invincible courage and a determined purpose that hesitates at no opposition have so entered into his composition as to render him a dominant factor in public affairs and a leader of men. As a lawyer Mr. Craver enjoys a reputation as a sound and safe counselor and a successful practitioner. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, he stands without dispute among the eminent practitioners of the Youngstown bar. He possesses a gracious personality, being easily approached, and his circle of friends is coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

S. A. Coler, who carries on a general merchandising business at Woodworth Crossroads in Boardman Township, is one of the substantial men and old residents of Mahoning County. He was born in

Beaver Township, three miles south of his present home, near Lima, Ohio, on April 5, 1855, a son of John and Catherine (Swartz) Coler. John Coler was born on the same farm as his son, his birth taking place in 1825, his father, also John, having settled on this homestead when he migrated here from Pennsylvania, becoming a neighbor of the Fasnachts and the Hahns.

John Coler, the younger, spent his life on that farm, and in addition to conducting it, operated a saw-mill in partnership with his brother George. Another brother, Solomon, after serving for three years in the war between the states, settled down in Beaver Township and was there engaged in farming the rest of his life. John Coler died in March, 1902, his wife having passed away two years before him. They were active in the work of the Mount Olive German Reformed Church at North Lima, and are buried in the cemetery connected with it. John Coler was a very active man, and in connection with his sawmilling, cleared out a good deal of timber in the county.

S. A. Coler remained at home until his marriage, and then took possession of a small part of his father's farm and a portion of his grandfather's farm that he owned. After nine years on it he moved to thirty-five acres of land in Beaver Township, and remained on it from 1887 until 1895, when he bought his present place on the township line between Boardman and Beaver townships. It is on the main road to North Lima Springs. His store was started over fifty years ago by Samuel Steel, who conducted it for years, but sold it when he moved to Youngstown, which he later served as mayor, and the property changed hands several times before Mr. Coler bought it from Amos Warner. At that time there were three small stores at Woodworth, but now Mr. Coler has the only one. He has a large trade and pleases his customers by his rigid adherence to the plan of selling at a small margin and turning his stock over rapidly. In 1903 he bought a farm of ninety-five acres, of which he still owns eighty acres. This is now conducted by his son, who is a successful farmer. A new set of buildings has been erected and the farm is kept strictly up to date. One of the features of the place is a fine sugar grove of 500 trees and in the grove is a well-equipped sugarhouse, and the entire plant is kept in excellent condition. The annual yield of sap is large and well handled. A postoffice was established at this point more than sixty years ago, and named "Steam Town" on account of the location here of the first steam mills. It was abandoned for several years, and then Lawrence D. Woodworth secured a new postoffice about thirty years ago, and it was named in his honor. S. A. Coler served as postmaster for some fifteen years, and then the office was discontinued and the rural free delivery service was installed.

During the war between the states S. A. Coler, then an impressionable lad, used to read the newspapers out loud to his father, and became so impressed by statements in these journals laying the blame of the conflict upon the democratic party, that he became a strong republican, in spite of the fact that his father was a democrat, and when he reached his majority, cast his first vote for the republican ticket. From then on he has continued a stanch supporter of that party, and strange to say, from then until his death his father, influenced by his son, voted the same ticket. Fraternally Mr. Coler is a member of the Knights of Pythias and was a charter member of Manitou Lodge of North Lima. He has been three times representative to the state convention of the Knights of Pythias.

S. A. Coler was married when he was twenty years old to Celesta Catherine Lower, born in Pennsylvania, but reared in Beaver Township. They became the parents of two sons, namely: Henry E., who owns and operates a grocery and market at West Lake Crossing, married Mary E. Mentzer, and they have one daughter, Sethy; and Park D., who is operating his father's farm, married Blanche Chubb, and they have three children, Evelyn, Erna C. and S. A., Jr. It would be difficult to find any family more generally esteemed than that bearing the name of Coler.

William W. Brownlee. Six miles east of the City of Youngstown, in Coitsville Township, is situated the fine homestead farm of William Wellington Brownlee, and an additional interest attaches to his ownership of the property by reason of the fact that the farm figures as the place of his birth. In a substantial house that is still standing on this old homestead he was born on the 2d of April, 1854, and the name which he bears has been long and worthily identified with the history of Mahoning County. He is a son of John S. and Jeanette (Patterson) Brownlee, both of whom were born in a village not far distant from the City of Glasgow, Scotland, where they were reared to maturity and where their marriage was solemnized. Within a comparatively short time after their marriage they came to America, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel of the type common to that day, and eleven weeks having been passed on the ocean ere they disembarked in the land of their adoption. They passed the first winter at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and in the following spring they came to Mahoning County, Ohio, and established their home near Struthers, as pioneer settlers in this part of the county. During the winter of the first year here Mr. Brownlee was engaged in digging iron ore from the pioneer ore bank at Struthers, and in the following spring he purchased 100 acres of heavily timbered land and instituted the development of a farm. The original habitation was a log house, and this primitive dwelling is still in a good state of preservation, though not occupied. Their son William W., of this review, was born in a frame building erected in place of the log house. The house is commodious, attractive in its simple and honest design and construction, and constitutes a worthy landmark of the early days in Coitsville Township. In due time John S. Brownlee reclaimed his land to cultivation, and he purchased sixty acres of additional land one-half mile distant from the home place. For this latter property he paid $7.00 an acre, and the difference in valuations at that time and the present is shown in the fact that he at one time considered the purchase of land on which the present Rayen High

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School building is located in the City of Youngstown, for a consideration of $25.00 an acre. Mr. Brownlee was a man of fine mental poise, of marked business acumen and of impregnable integrity in all the relations of life. He became one of the substantial men of the county, was successful in his well-directed activities as an agriculturist and stock-grower, and gave special attention to the raising of sheep, of which he kept at one time 300 head. In the reclaiming and developing of his farm and in his earnest support of progressive communal policies he contributed much to the advancement of his county, and he was one of the well known and highly honored citizens of Coitsville Township at the time of his death in 1886, at the venerable age of eighty years. He remained on the old home farm until the close of his life, and his widow was seventy-seven years of age when she passed away, she having survived him by several years and both having been earnest members of the Presbyterian Church at Coitsville. Of their eight children one daughter died at the age of fifteen years, and six attained to maturity. Margaret remained, unmarried, at the old homestead until her death at the age of fifty years; Alexander went forth as a gallant young soldier of the Union in the Civil war as a member of the Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was one of a number of unfortunate victims who were killed by poison while in a hospital near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, he having been but twenty-three years of age at the time; Janet, who became the wife of Emmett Marstler, died in 1916, at the age of seventy-six years; James enlisted in the same company as did his brother Alexander, and at the same time, and he died in the same hospital as did his brother, though as a result of illness, he having been in his twenty-first year at the time; Ranelds S. is a retired farmer and resides at Hubbard, Trumbull County; and William W., of this review, is the youngest of the children who reached mature years.

William Wellington Brownlee has remained from the time of his birth on the old home place, and in his independent activities as an agriculturist and stock-grower he has well upheld the high prestige of the family name, as has he also as a citizen. The local schools afforded him his youthful education, and he has never wavered in his allegiance to the great basic industries under the influence of which he was reared. Since coming into ownership of the old homestead he has added to the same by purchasing an adjacent tract of seventy-five acres, this latter farm being under the independent management of his son William. Mr. Brownlee has been specially successful as a stock grower, and for several years he marketed annually a goodly number of beef cattle, principally to supply local demands. For fully a quarter of a century he has controlled a substantial business in the buying and shipping of wool, and for the past decade he has been undoubtedly the leading wool buyer in the county. He has handled an average of 60,000 pounds of wool annually, and incidentally has raised an excellent type of sheep on his farm. He is a stockholder in the banking institutions at Struthers, and is a man of prominence and influence in the community.

Mr. Brownlee has exerted a distinct and benignant force in connection with public affairs in Mahoning County, and has been called upon to serve in various offices of public trust and responsibility. His initial official service was in the capacity of school director, and in the early '90s he was elected trustee of Coitsville Township, a position of which he continued the incumbent two terms—or four years. While thus serving he initiated in the township the first decisive movement for the construction of good roads within its borders, and it was primarily due to his efforts that the township was bonded for the purpose of building four roads leading into Youngstown—about ten miles in all. This admirable improvement was effected within two years, and at the time when the bonding proposition was presented to the voters of the township only thirty-five votes were cast in opposition, though the proposed action provided for the issuing of bonds to the amount of $100,000. All citizens now realize that the expenditures were wisely made and have been of enduring value. After having been elected township trustee for a third term Mr. Brownlee resigned the office, and he was then elected one of the three directors of the county infirmary. Shortly after his induction into this office the infirmary buildings were destroyed by fire, but new buildings were forthwith erected, on a larger scale and with modern equipment and facilities. After serving four years as infirmary director, with Reese L. Jones and Daniel W. McDonald, both of Youngstown, as his associate directors, Mr. Brownlee was in 1912 made the regular republican candidate for the office of county commissioner, and the victory which attended his election demonstrated again the strong hold which he has upon popular confidence and esteem in his native county. He continued as an efficient and valued member of the board of county commissioners for two terms, of two years each, and made a characteristic record for loyal and progressive service.

In 1878 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Brownlee to Miss Ella Mars, who likewise was born and reared in Mahoning County and who is a daughter of the late John J. Mars. In conclusion is given brief record concerning the children of this union: John C. remained at the parental home until his death, at the age of thirty years; James, who married Miss Jennie Wilson, was a skilled employe in the service of a telephone company and was killed by electrocution by a live wire in 1914, when about thirty years of age; William married Miss Bessie Fidler, and they reside on the farm adjoining that of his father, as intimated in a previous paragraph; Donald, who was graduated in the high school and also took a course in a business college, has continued for the past several years to assist in the work and management of the old home farm; Clifford is a prosperous farmer and dairyman in Coitsville Township and the maiden name of his wife was Mabel Cooper; and Ray remains at the parental home with his brother Donald.

Youngstown Boiler and Tank Company. While one of the very youngest giants in the Youngstown industrial district, the Youngstown Boiler and Tank Company has made a remarkable record in production as well as in volume of sales. It was organized

for the purpose of building tanks and steel plate construction, and in the first year of its existence the company did a business valued at $1,000,000, a record that few new companies have ever surpassed. At the present time this company manufactures probably 90 per cent of the large storage tanks sold by the oil, pump and tank companies of the country. An average of ten tanks are shipped daily from the Youngstown factory. An export trade has also been developed, much of the product being shipped to Cuba, West Indies and South American countries.

This company is one of the large users of iron and steel, working up and converting during the first year about 6,000 tons of steel plate, 400 tons of castings, 200 tons of rivets, and 500 tons of structural material.

On the average 150 men of the highly skilled class have been employed. The great success of the organization is undoubtedly due to the technical skill and experience of the men at the head. Each of the officials and managers is an expert in his particular line, and the new company is largely made up of seasoned veterans drawn from other kindred concerns. The company has branch agencies in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Birmingham and Atlanta.

The Youngstown Boiler & Tank Company was organized April 25, 1919. The officers chosen were J. P. Keene, president; W. R. Kirby, vice president; Charles R. Vogel, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock was $50,000, but on October 22, 1919, a reorganization was effected under the same name and with increase of capital to $100,000, which was increased in May, 1920, to $500,000. The officers chosen at that time and still on duty are: J. P. Keene, president; William H. Heywood, vice president and treasurer; William R. Kirby, vice president; Charles R. Vogel, secretary; while the other directors are Ralph Cornelius, John R. Rowland, W. J. Roberts and R. I. Ingalls.

James P. Keene, head of this industry, was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1886, a son of Philip J. and Anna (Fox) Keene. His father, who is now a retired resident of Chicago, has spent the greater part of his life in steel plate construction. James P. Keene attended grammar and high schools at Philadelphia, and at the age of sixteen went to work in the engineering department of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he was in the steel plate construction department of the American Steel & Wire Company at Cleveland, and subsequently was assistant superintendent of the tank shop of the Allis-Chalmers Company of Chicago. For five years following he was on the road in erection work, and then became superintendent of the shops of the McAleenan Brothers at Pittsburgh. This experience and these responsibilities show that he was a highly competent man in the various branches of steel plate work. Eventually he embarked his capital and that of some associates in the Sharpsville Boiler Works Company at Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, and remained as general manager of that concern for four years.

Resigning, he came to Youngstown in December, 1918, and soon had the plans marching toward completion for the Youngstown Boiler and Tank Company. As president he has not only been the business head but the guiding technical genius in the industry.

Mr. Keene is a member of the Sharon Country Club, the Elks Lodge at Sharon, is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner, and he and his wife are members of the Brown Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church of Youngstown. He married, June 18, 1910, Miss Effie Bigby, of Macon, Georgia. They have one son, James Philip, Jr.

William H. Heywood, vice president and treasurer of the Youngstown Boiler and Tank Company, fits into the new organization as a master of the sales end of the business. For several years he was connected with the sales department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

Mr. Heywood was born in Kearney, Nebraska, September 15, 1889. His father, Herbert J. Heywood, was a native of Canada. In early life he was a railroad man, but later engaged in the coal business and is now a member of the firm of W. A. Gosline & Company, Toledo, Ohio. He has been a resident of Toledo for twenty years. He married at Wichita, Kansas, Ida Miller, and William H. is the older of their two children.

For seven years William H. Heywood lived at Delphos, Ohio, attended public school there, and subsequently acquired a very liberal education, spending five years in the Miami Institute at Germantown, Ohio, until graduating in 1908, and then took the classical course in Harvard University, receiving his A. B. degree in 1912.

In September following his graduation Mr. Heywood came to Youngstown and entered the service of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, at first as a mill worker, then in the order department, and subsequently in the sales department. He resigned from the Sheet & Tube Company in November, 1919, to give his special skill and experience to the Youngstown Boiler and Tank Company.

He is a member of the Youngstown Club, Youngstown Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, Youngstown Rotary Club, and is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner. Mr. and Mrs. Heywood are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

October 15, 1914, he married Mrs. Fannie (Arms) Lomasney, daughter of Warner Arms of Youngstown. By a former marriage she has three children: Helen, David and Myron. Mr. and Mrs. Heywood have one daughter, Caroline Frances.

ROGERS. Among numerous individuals of the Rogers name who have achieved distinction in the life and affairs of Northeastern Ohio during the last century, three stand out conspicuously for their associations with Youngstown, Disney, Volney and Bruce Rogers.

Their grandparents were Thomas and Hope (Rossell) Rogers, who early in the nineteenth century left their home in Pennsylvania and sought a new location in the wilderness and on the frontier in Columbiana County, Ohio. Thomas Rogers entered the land comprised in his farm in Middleton Township at the Government land office at Steubenville, Ohio. Their son, James Rogers, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1812. He married

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Elizabeth D. Jamieson, and they were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom reached mature years. Besides the three sons named above there were: Dio Rogers, a lawyer at Steubenville, Ohio, practiced in Hubbard, Ohio, for several years, and is one of Ohio's representative lawyers and has been very successful; Dr. Lycurgus Rogers, of Negley, Ohio; Dr. Z. L. Rogers, of East Palestine; James L. Rogers and John H. Rogers, farmers in Middleton Township, Columbiana County, Ohio; and Minnie J. Randall of Negley, Ohio.

Disney Rogers was born on the old homestead farm in Columbiana County, December 19, 1844. He read law at what is now Lisbon, and after practicing his profession for some years at Mount Gilead, moved to Youngstown in 1872. For a number of years he was a law partner with his brother Volney. He was forceful, upright in character, and enjoyed the highest standing not only as a lawyer but as a citizen. For two terms he was prosecuting attorney for Mahoning County, and served one appointive term and one full elective term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas. For over twenty-one years he was moderator of the Trumbull Baptist Association. At Mount Gilead he married Ida S. Andrews, a daughter of his law partner. The only surviving son of Disney Rogers is James B., who lives in Kentucky.

Volney Rogers, who was born December 1, 1846, and died December 3, 1919, while visiting in the West, also spent his youth on the home farm near East Palestine. He attended public schools and as a young man mastered the art of telegraphy. He was employed during the construction of a telegraph line on the old Turnpike from Pittsburg to Baltimore. When it was completed he was employed as operator for the State Legislature at the Pennsylvania capitol in Harrisburg. For four years he was a telegraph operator in Waynesboro and then studied law and prepared for his profession under his brother Disney. He began practice at Youngstown in 1871, and while in the office of city solicitor he codified the city ordinances. While not a brilliant advocate, he was well grounded in the fundamental principles and was considered a safe counselor and was the type of lawyer whose personal character secured him that confidence and esteem which are the source of the best satisfaction to a good and upright lawyer. He served two terms as City Solicitor. Volney Rogers was never married. He was a devout Presbyterian, and like other members of his family was a republican.

The big interest of his life and the source of the service for which he will be lastingly remembered in Youngstown is Mill Creek Park. He saw the possibilities of utilizing this picturesque and historic locality for public purposes as early as 1890. The process of destruction of the timber had already gone far. He obtained options on much of the land, and through his influence secured the passage of a bill through the Legislature known as the Township Park Improvement Law. With the assistance of his brother Bruce he began the improvement of the valley, and carried on the work which caused Mill Creek Park to be recognized as one of the finest scenic parks in Ohio. He combated every effort to destroy the beauties and real values of this valley. Through his efforts and those of his brother Bruce the project for using the basin as a city reservoir was abandoned. Through all the years he gave his services in a legal capacity without remuneration, and frequently neglected his own private business to safeguard the interests of the public. He was himself a nature lover and a rare student of birds, flora and of the great book of nature. He was author of a history of Mill Creek Park.

The services of such a man are frequently disregarded when set in contrast with more selfish and popular achievements. However, many Youngstown people appreciated his purposes and his work, and this appreciation was perhaps best expressed in the words of an editorial in the Telegram, quoted herewith:

"To speak a good word in memory of the late Volney Rogers is almost unnecessary, much as that tribute is deserved. Probably there is no person in Youngstown who does not know what the city and its individuals alike owe him for his thirty years' work in the interests of the great Mill Creek Park if for no other reason. Eulogies, therefore, would be merely trite.

"In the instance of Mr. Rogers, the unusual happened when his work was recognized and a memorial planned in his honor even before his death. It is a work that has not been completed yet, but its success was long ago assured.

"Yet there is another form of memorial that might be erected to Mr. Rogers that would be more fitting even than one of brass or stone. It will cost nothing, but will be worth more than a million dollar arch or statue. We refer to the preservation of Mill Creek Park.

"Volney Rogers might have made this place a great personal asset. Realizing its possibilities first, he might have capitalized these. Instead, he worked, almost alone, to dedicate this great outdoors place to the people of Youngstown. For many years past his work has been threatened. Just now a sewer is being driven through the park with little regard to saving the beauty of the place. Hungry real estate dealers are trying to capitalize it. There is a growing belief that the park was meant as a dumping place for ashes, tin cans and garbage and only unceasing vigilance can prevent this desecration. To exercise this vigilance is the best payment we could make Volney Rogers—public benefactor."

MY WALKS AND TALKS WITH VOLNEY ROGERS

Written by H. W. Weisgerber, for the Sunday Vindicator

The numerous walks and talks that I have had with Mr. Volney Rogers will ever remain as the choicest treasures of my mind; for it was the one thing—nature—that we enjoyed and had in common, that drew us together and held our friendship which ripened in the few years we knew each other.

It is about these walks and talks, with their side lines regarding the man and his sterling character, that I wish to write at this time, while they are still fresh in my mind, for while he has passed from us

in the bodily form, his spirit will continue to live in the hearts of a grateful people who will, I sincerely trust, cherish his memory and the work that he so valiantly performed in preserving for all time the beautiful Mill Creek Valley. As father of that scenic playground he will always be remembered, whether as has been suggested, the park ever bears his name or not. He was far too modest ever to think of having it called anything else than the name he so dearly loved—"Mill Creek Park."

A Walk in 1915

Our acquaintance dates from the summer of 1915 when I came over from Salem in order to take some pictures in Mill Creek Park and Mr. Rogers kindly acted as guide and pointed out the places which, according to his mind, formed the "pictures" in the park. It was during this first walk that we found that our tastes ran along the same line and in the same channel; we not only loved the beautiful scenery, but the trees, flowers and the birds; we compared notes on the glacial action and studied the rock formation; in fact, we found that we were of one mind regarding the works of nature.

It was during this first walk that I saw what loving care he had bestowed upon this strip of water worn valley; how he was annoyed by the carelessness of people in throwing paper and rubbish over the ground; he thought that people should help keep the place looking neat and as Nature had left it; broken glass he abhorred, and he would pick up all that lay in his path; a stone in the driveway he would throw to one side; any noxious weed he pulled up so that it would not go to seed and thus spread its kind; in fact, any little attention that he could bestow upon anything that needed it, he would give before passing onward. It was this attention to minor details, something which could not well be delegated to others and which he did at the time he noticed it, that has made the park the beauty spot it is.

But this was not all: as we walked we talked; he told me of his struggles with this and that interest, with first one problem and then another; of the uphill work it had been and the money and time it had taken to accomplish that which we beheld in all its beauty. When we came to a beautiful vista he would stop and point out the interesting part of it and tell how he had ordered a tree cut here and another one there and the brush thinned out so that the picture could be presented to the eye as if enclosed in a frame. We would talk upon some subject when suddenly something would come to view or to our attention and we would break off and start upon the new object and talk about it; sometimes it would be fully a half hour before we got back to the original question, and in most instances we never got back to it that day, there were far too many things to talk about.

A Rare Fern

It was on this first trip that we found a maidenhair spleenwort fern, one of the rare ferns in the park, growing on the face of a sandstone boulder that lay beside one of the paths in the gorge. It had grown into the freakish shape of a star, like a starfish. I obtained an excellent negative and for weeks after Mr. Rogers used to guide his nature-loving friends to this little fern; then, one day he found that some vandal had destroyed it. He loved everything in the park, and months afterward when he told me about the destruction of the little fern, I detected a note of sadness in his voice; he could not understand why people would destroy that which he loved, especially since he and I had found it, and we, knowing its value as an oddity of nature, had left it for the enjoyment of others, who would pass that way.

It was on this first trip, too, that he showed the strong trait in his character for the observance of rules and regulations regarding the use of the park. We had reached the end of our journey, above the falls, where some men were working on the dam that forms the swimming pool at that place, and he talked with them and we proceeded up the stream to the Pool-of-the-Shadows where we found some young men who were violating the park rules in the taking of fishing bait; he called their attention to this fact and they began with insulting remarks and a disregard of his orders to stop, when he politely informed them that he was one of the park commissioners and that he would have them arrested; this frightened them so that they were ready to quit and they all began to apologize for their ignorance in not knowing the rules.

A Characteristic Incident

It was not until after I came to Youngstown that I enjoyed other walks in the park with Mr. Rogers. In the summer of 1918, while I roomed on Lakewood Avenue, a ten minutes' walk from the Falls Avenue entrance, and with an extra hour of daylight in the evening which was then in vogue, I would occasionally call at the house of his brother, who was then spending the summer in a cottage in the park and inquire about the health of Mr. Volney Rogers and ascertain whether or not he had found anything new in the nature line. It was on one of these evenings, the first one, in fact, in which I had found him, that an amusing incident occurred which I will never forget. It showed how far business was removed from him when he was away from his office and how his life was centered upon the nature that is all about us. I was spending the evening in the park when I met a man who asked me if I knew where Mr. Rogers lived. I informed him that I was not sure of the house, but since he said that someone told him that it was a white one, that I would lead him to one and if that was not the place I would take him to the next. The first chanced to be the right one. I stepped back several paces so as not to interfere with any matter about which the stranger might wish to talk. Mr. Rogers came to the door, shook hands with the man, who, I think, said something about some business matters. He did not seem, however, to awaken Mr. Rogers' interest, for he came forward and reached for my hand and greeted me and said with enthusiasm that he had found a new plant which he wished to show

me and turned into the house to get it. He brought it out and we talked about it, then the subject changed, and I told him of a tree that I had found that evening near the lily ponds that was new to me; he went into the house after his hat and the three of us went walking toward the tree in question. It was the laurel-leaved oak, a new one to me, and near it was a new species of oak, a hybrid of the laurel-leaved that had been discovered by one of the botanists whom Mr. Rogers had invited at one time to list the plants of the park. All of this time the man who had come to see Mr. Rogers was kept waiting and was going with us from point to point and from object to object with nothing to do but listen to our talk on Nature. This kept up for over an hour and until nearly dark, when we came to the parting of the ways. Here we halted; I bade the gentleman "good-night" and not until then did Mr. Rogers give the man a chance to talk about the business that had brought him to the park. I cannot help smiling about this little incident every time it comes to mind. A few weeks ago, while I was standing in the diamond waiting for a Poland car to take me home, a man tapped me on the shoulder and asked if I were not the man whom he had met in the park that evening. I told him I was and that I felt sorry he had had to wait so long, whereupon he replied that he enjoyed our talk greatly, for it was about something that he did not hear discussed every day.

Loved to Walk in the Park

How ready and willing Mr. Rogers was to take a walk and to talk about nature, the following incident will illustrate. It was about nine o'clock one Sunday morning, I had been out since sunrise, had been to the falls and returned and had just stopped at the house to inquire about his health; I had intended to pause but a few minutes, then return to my room and dress for church, but he had a shrub in one of the out-of-the-way corners of the park that he wished to show me, so after putting on his coat, hat and rubbers we started. After looking at the shrub we continued to go on; we went up one of the minor ravines that leads to the west and followed it to the end, where we came into a level field, and then returned by way of the Old Furnace Road and passed the Bear's Den section of the park. That morning we listened to sermons that were not uttered by man and to music that was not rendered by human voices; we communed with the God of Nature, we were reverent about it, too, and did not profane the day nor the hour by voice or act.

On another occasion, late in the summer, we strolled about the park near his home, and on the rocky bed of the creek at high water we found a freak of nature in the form of a three-leaved boneset plant; in all of his many years of nature study Mr. Rogers had never seen anything of this kind of boneset; it certainly was a "sport," one of the odd things that help make nature study so interesting. Mr. Rogers seemed to enjoy this rare find and we referred to it several times afterward. It was during one of these twilight talks that he informed me that as a young man he had studied telegraphy and had become acquainted with electricity, and he began to tell of the different "charges" of the fluid and illustrated by the lightning's stroke that had but a short time before played sad havoc with one of the largest hemlock trees on the hill sides, opposite his home, shattering the trunk only in certain places by jumping from place to place.

Last winter, after I had moved to the city and had settled in the south-east corner, near Pine Hallow and the Loveland Farms, I visited him at his office on Saturday afternoons and he would always inquire whether I had found anything new in nature. He seemed much interested in my discovery that Pine Hallow was the beautiful ravine that it is, and about the various things that I found from time to time; he always enjoyed the nature pictures that I showed him, and he and his brother Bruce identified for me the Hercules shrub, that I had known under a false name for years and could not find in the botany under the assumed name when I wished to check up on it.

To show how modest Mr. Rogers was it is only necessary to state that last winter when an article about a memorial in his honor had been printed, I was in his office and mentioned the fact, when, blushing like a school boy, he remarked that it was a matter about which he had been approached but over which he had no control. To show how reserved he was and how little he would talk of his accomplishments in Mill Creek Park it is only necessary to say that to me he would never say much about it while in his office; but how confidential he would become, always with a due amount of diffidence and reserve, whenever he was in that nature-spot he so dearly loved. There, amid familiar scenes, he would open his heart and talk as though he were pleading his case to some loved one. There he would speak amid the scenes that he loved and for which he had spent the greater part of his life that they might be preserved as a heritage for the people. After he had pleaded his last case for the preservation of the park from the hands of the spoilers and had lost, he was ready to leave the scenes of his life's labor and to spend the rest of his days far from the place where he had labored so long and faithfully, hoping that by change of surroundings he might forget. But other scenes and joys were not to be his, for such a man as Volney Rogers cannot live long away from home.

Bruce Rogers, now the only survivor of the trio of brothers who made Youngstown their home, was born December 26, 1854. He received a good education as a youth, taught country school before reaching his majority, and also learned telegraphy. While working as an operator he took up the study of landscape architecture and gardening. His practical knowledge of that profession led to his being called to Youngstown in 1890, and for twenty-seven years he was the able lieutenant of his brother Volney in beautifying and developing Mill Creek Park. He served as executive officer of that park. It was his technical ability that gave concrete expression to many of the cherished ideals of Volney Rogers.

January 1, 1880, Bruce Rogers married Mary A.

March, of Lisbon, Ohio. Their only child, Miss Ada March Rogers, is a graduate of Wellesley College, for two years was principal of the Hubbard High school and is now an instructor in the Rayen High School. Mr. Rogers is a member of the Baptist Church and in politics is a republican.

Henry F. McCrone, one of the progressive business men and public spirited citizens of Struthers, represents a pioneer family of the Mahoning Valley.

He was born on the old home farm in Poland Township, two miles from Struthers, February 22, 1880, son of James B. and Sarah C. (Liddle) McCrone. His grandfather McCrone was of Scotch ancestry and an early settler in Coitsville Township, where James B. McCrone was born. The Liddle family was established in the Mahoning Valley by George Liddle, Sr., who was born and reared in England and settled in Poland Township as early as 1806. He had the experiences and performed the duties of a pioneer and died in advanced years in the late forties. Both he and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was the father of four children: George, Jr., William, Jane and Ann. The daughter Jane became the wife of William Baker, lived in Geauga County at the time of her death, and her husband subsequently married Margaret Kennedy, and they spent their last years at Poland Center in Mahoning County. Ann Liddle became the wife of John Boyer and died in venerable years in Canfield Township, their only son, Norman J., being now a resident of Ellsworth Township. William Liddle died in early manhood, leaving no children.

George Liddle, Jr., maternal grandfather of Henry F. McCrone, was born in Poland Township March 5, 1812, and died October 3, 1884. He spent his active life as a farmer. In 1841 he married Mary Elizabeth Kennedy, a sister of the Margaret Kennedy mentioned above, a daughter of James Kennedy and also a sister of Walker Kennedy, whose son James has become one of the prominent citizens of Mahoning County. Mary Elizabeth Kennedy was born in Coitsville Township July 10, 1820, and died January 30, 1908. The children of George and Mary Elizabeth Liddle were: Sarah C., wife of James B. McCrone, was born May 10, 1845, and died at the age of fifty-five; Margaret Jane is the wife of F. W. Bradley, of New Bedford, Pennsylvania; Edward B. Liddle lives on the old homestead in Poland Township; Lorena Eleanor lived with her mother in Struthers until her death; Lenora L., twin sister of Lorena E., died at the age of twenty-three.

James B. McCrone spent his active life as a farmer and livestock dealer, and for a number of years was in the retail meat business, conducting a market at Middlesex and later at Struthers. He finally returned to his farm, but a short time before his death went to the home of his daughter at Canfield and died in 1910, at the age of seventy-three. His good wife passed away at the age of about fifty-five. Their children were five sons and one daughter: Mary, wife of John Callahan of Canfield; Elmer B., a livestock man in Colorado; Henry F.; Thomas Scott, who owns and operates a large cattle ranch near North Platte, Nebraska; Edward Dallas, who lives at Struthers; James Myron, manager of his brother Henry's business at Poland.

Henry F. McCrone acquired a public school education, learned the butcher's trade in the market of George Knox and subsequently worked in the market of William Stener at Lowellville. During portions of three years he had an interesting experience in Colorado engaged in the range cattle industry in the vicinity of Fort Morgan. In 1908, in partnership with his former employer, William Stener, he opened a meat market on Bridge Street in Struthers, and eighteen months later became sole owner. He has developed the business so that it has grown and increased many fold and is now one of the leading establishments for the handling of groceries and meats in this section of the county. Mr. McCrone moved his store to a specially remodeled building on State Street in May, 1918, and now has a large and well stocked and well equipped store, with five employes. Since 1914 he has conducted a branch grocery and market at Poland with his brother James in charge and with six employes. This business has grown and has an appreciative trade drawn even from some of the representative families of Youngstown.

Mr. McCrone is a democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In June, 1911, he married Miss Rhoda Kearns of Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Cassius E. Cross, president of the Service Motor Truck Sales Company, has been a resident of Youngstown many years and was formerly a railroad man, but is best known in a business way through his extensive operations in real estate.

Mr. Cross was born on a farm in the Enon Valley of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1866, a son of David F. and Mary (Young) Cross. His father, a native of Beaver, Pennsylvania, was a very expert workman in stone and brick and his services were employed all over Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. He helped build the Chauncey Andrews residence in Youngstown. His later years were spent on a farm in Lawrence County, where he died at the age of sixty-four, his wife passing away at seventy-two. They were members of the Presbyterian Church and he was a democrat. The Cross family has been in America for many generations.

Cassius E. Cross was one of the younger of ten children, eight of whom reached mature years. He finished his education with two years in high school at Mount Jackson. He was sixteen when he began learning telegraphy in the local office of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie at Wampum, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio. He was still a boy when he came to Youngstown. He was stationed at Wurtemberg, and while there had a night shift and was paid $35 a month, his board costing him $8. He put in seventeen years at railroading, and when he left was assistant yardmaster.

Mr. Cross while working for the railroad took considerable interest in local politics and was elected and served two terms in the City Council from the Ninth Ward. He was on the legislation and finance

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committees. Later he became secretary to the city commission, and is one of the few who have resigned from a political job.

His growing real estate and building business caused him to give up politics. His first associate in real estate was E. A. Hegg. They were the first firm to use automobiles in showing their customers about the city. While with the railroad Mr. Cross was drawing a salary of sixty-five dollars a month, and in spite of that low wage he managed to save $500, which he used as an advance payment on a $1,900 house. Since then he has bought and sold many pieces of Youngstown property, and has always realized some modest profit from every transaction. For years he carried on a building program averaging fifteen houses annually, and has thus contributed to the better housing situation in Youngstown. He bought from Emlin P. Thorn a parcel of land through which Breaden Street runs from Oak Hill Avenue to Hillman Street and built a number of houses along the thoroughfare. In February, 1919, Mr. Cross became president of the Service Motor Truck Sales Company, distributors of Service and Commerce trucks, also carrying on a general repair business. He is a member and trustee of the Central Christian Church, and is a democrat in national affairs, being independent locally.

Mr. Cross married Demonia Shiveley, who was born in 1868 and died September 19, 1916. She was born at Perkins Corners, on the Burkett place, which belonged to her father. Her parents were David and Rebecca Shiveley. Mr. and Mrs. Cross had one son and two daughters. The son, Samuel G., is now associated with his father in business, is a graduate of the Ohio State University and was trained there for the army, receiving a lieutenant's commission. He was sent as an instructor to Camp Hancock, Georgia, being first in the Motor Truck Division at Blacksburg, West Virginia, and later with a Machine Gun Battalion. The daughters are Vera V. and Amber H., the former a graduate of the Rayen High and the latter now in the South High School.

Paul Boyd Herriott Smith, M. D. Among the men prominently identified with the medical profession of the Mahoning Valley, as well as with the civic life of this region, few have gained a higher reputation for skill and dependability than Dr. Paul Boyd Herriott Smith of Lowellville, whose standing is unquestioned with all classes. He was born at New Bedford, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on the state line between Pennsylvania and Ohio, February 28, 1878, a son of James D. and Elizabeth E. (Buchanan) Smith. James D. Smith was born on the same farm as his son, and spent his life there, dying at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His wife, who was born at Burgettstown, Washington County, Pennsylvania, died at the age of sixty-seven years. This old farm has been sold, but during the lifetime of James D. Smith it afforded him ample opportunity for the expression of his ideas, and he devoted himself to it, never participating in public life. In his religious belief he found the creed of the United Presbyterian Church satisfying. He and his first wife had the following children: William J., who lives near Ray, Pennsylvania; Albert E., who is a ranchman of Lawrence, Kansas; Ellis, who died at the age of fifty-nine years from the result of a street car accident, spent his life on the homestead; Lou, who is a farmer of Summit, South Dakota. By his second marriage the children were: Rev. T. F. B., a Presbyterian minister at Central City, Nebraska, who preached all through the Mahoning Valley, and during the war spent eighteen months in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, although not sent overseas; and Doctor Smith, who was the youngest born of all the children of his father.

Doctor Smith was graduated from the Grove City College of Grove City, Pennsylvania, in 1901, with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the classical course, and he then took a three years' medical course at the Jefferson Medical College and also studied at the University of Maryland at Baltimore one year, being graduated from the latter institution in 1905, following which he served as interne in the hospital connected with the university one year, 1906. In September, 1906, Doctor Smith established himself in a general medical and surgical practice at Lowellville, and since coming here has allied himself with the County, State and National Medical associations. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and responds generously and promptly to all calls made on him for assistance in every improvement which has been inaugurated subsequent to his advent into this community. He is a champion of good roads, and led in the movement which has resulted in the building of the state road through this district. Not only has he served on the village council and school boards, but for four years was a member of the board on public affairs, and during that period assisted in securing for Lowellville electric light, water, sewerage and similar improvements. He is a director of the Lowellville Bank and interested in other lines, for he is one of the most progressive of the men here, and believes in using his money and influence to build up business concerns. The Presbyterian Church has in him a member and elder. He belongs to the Poland Country Club, and is a Blue Lodge and Chapter Mason, a member of Buechner Council, St. John's Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, belong to the Youngstown organizations of this fraternity, and also to Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the City of Cleveland.

On July 11, 1906, Doctor Smith was united in marriage to Annabel Kelso, of Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and they have three daughters, Nella L., Mary Eloise and Helen Leah. Mrs. Smith is an efficient worker in the various church societies and clubs. The residence owned and occupied by Doctor Smith was originally erected by J. N. Pence, now deceased, but Doctor Smith has rebuilt it and has one of the best homes in the village. Both as a physician and citizen Doctor Smith measures up to the highest standards of American manhood, and by his optimism, ready sympathy and skill wins warm friendships both in the sickroom and outside of it, and is recognized as one of the most forceful figures in his part of the Mahoning Valley.

William H. Marshall. Numbered among the representative citizens of Youngstown is William H. Marshall, who has long been identified with the mercantile interests of this section of Mahoning County, and as owner and manager of an art store is carrying on a large and thriving business. A son of the late John Marshall, he was born June 29, 1877, in the building which he now occupies, his birth having occurred in the room which he uses as a work room. The building is located at the corner of Oak Hill Avenue and Marshall Street, the latter having been named in honor of the Marshall family.

John Marshall served as a drummer boy during the Civil war, and spent his last days in the Soldiers' Home, dying at the age of sixty-four years. The maiden name of his wife was Eliza Maria Clute, who died October 1, 1915, aged seventy-nine years. Five children were born to them, of whom three are now living, William H., the special subject of this sketch; Cassie Thebald, wife of Charles Kellerman, of Meadville, Pennsylvania; and Georgina, the wife of O. J. Hammond, formerly general freight agent of the Pittsburgh and Bessemer Railroad, and now traffic manager for the Goodyear Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio. Charles, the oldest son a molder by trade, died in Providence, Rhode Island, aged twenty-four years. Bertie passed away when but fifteen years old.

Completing his early education at the Front Street School, William H. Marshall began work for himself, and at the age of fifteen years entered the china store of J. W. Williams on West Federal Street. He subsequently accepted a position with V. J. Beuhrle, with whom he remained about four years. The ensuing six years Mr. Marshall was connected with the shipping department of the Carnegie Steel Company at the Ohio plant, but as the promotions in the plant depended upon the death rate, and the employes all seemed to be fairly healthy, he gave up his position and opened his art store.

Mr. Marshall had very limited means with which to start, his sole capital having been $100. With that meager sum, and a letter from one of Youngstown's prominent men, he put in a good stock of art goods and was far on the road to prosperity when the memorable flood of 1913 swept his stock of goods down the river. A leading citizen of Youngstown, now dead, urged Mr. Marshall to accept a loan of sufficient money to put him again on his feet. Taking a wise advantage of the offer, Mr. Marshall opened his present establishment, and has since met with gratifying success in his undertaking, his patronage being extensive and remunerative. He has accumulated considerable property, and six years ago built his present home, "Wilgert Lodge," which is acknowledged one of the beauty spots of the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Marshall married, in 1906, Gertrude L. Crum, of Youngstown, Ohio, a most pleasant and estimable woman. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Kiwanis Club, a social organization and both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are consistent members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have had no children of their own, but they have taken the responsibility of raising two children, Eugene and Hazel Marshall, two bright children who have the freedom of a good Christian home, with every advantage that would have been theirs had they entered this home by birth.

Isaiah W. Jenkins. The true western spirit of progress and enterprise is strikingly exemplified in the lives of such men as Isaiah W. Jenkins, one of Ohio's honored native sons, whose energetic nature and laudable ambitions have enabled him to conquer may adverse circumstances and advance steadily. He has met and overcome obstacles that would have discouraged a man of less determination and has won for himself not only a comfortable competency, but also a prominent place among the enterprising men of this locality. Such a man is a credit to any community and his life forcibly illustrates what energy and consecutive effort can accomplish when directed and controlled by correct principles and high moral resolves, and no man is worthier of specific mention in a volume of the province of the one at hand.

Isaiah W. Jenkins was born in Niles, Ohio, on April 25, 1861, and is the son of John and Margaret (Lovett) Jenkins, both of whom were natives of Wales. John Jenkins came to the United States in 1850, and at once upon his arrival he applied for citizenship papers. He was an ironworker, and was employed as a puddler in the Ward mills at Niles, and later in the Andrews mills. During the Civil war he was a soldier in the One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded in the battle with General Morgan's forces at Cynthiana. He was an earnest republican in his political faith, a Christian in his religious belief and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He stood courageously by his honest convictions on moral questions and was one of the two first men in Niles to vote the prohibition ticket. He died in 1911, when eighty-five years of age, and his wife passed away in 1885, at the age of sixty-three years. They became the parents of nine children, of which number six grew to maturity, and four are now living, namely: Mrs. John Evans, of New Philadelphia, Ohio; Mrs. Lewis Davis, of Niles, Ohio; William, of Niles, and Isaiah W. Two deceased children are Mary, who was the wife of Sidney D. Brooks, of Niles, and Lida, who was the wife of George Cross, of Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio.

Isaiah W. Jenkins received his elementary education in the public schools of Niles, after which he went to work in the iron mills. After eight years of strenuous labor there, and the practice of the most rigid economy, he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, through which he financed himself and took the complete course in chemistry. In 1885 Mr. Jenkins associated himself with Doctor Strickland, of Niles, in the drug business, and later was also in partnership with E. A. Wagstaff in the same line. Nine years later he came to Youngstown and opened a drug store on East Federal Street, where he still is located and where through careful attention to every detail of the business and courteous and prompt service for the public he has built up one of the best drug trades in Youngstown. He has been financially successful to a gratifying degree and has become inter-

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ested in several other enterprises, being a member of the board of directors of the Guarantee Bankers' Mortgage Company, of Cleveland, of which he was one of the organizers and was a vice president of the Cleveland National Fire Insurance Company. He is a director and stockholder in various other important business enterprises, including sugar refining interests.

In 1893 Mr. Jenkins was married to Harriet L. Hadley, the daughter of Thomas and Diana Hadley, of Niles, and they are the parents of a son, Hadley, who is associated with his father in business. Hadley is a graduate in pharmacy, having received his degree from the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. He was married to Susan Walker, the daughter of William Walker, and they have a son, Oliver W., living, and one, Charles Hadley, who died in childhood. Hadley Jenkins is a member of Western Star Lodge No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons and of Youngstown Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and in politics is a republican.

Politically the subject gives his support to the republican ticket, while fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership with the lodge in Niles, and the Knights of Pythias. He has been successful in business and respected in social life, and as a neighbor he has discharged his duties in a manner becoming a liberal-minded, intelligent citizen, his chief characteristics being energy, determination and honesty of purpose. Because of these qualities and his genial disposition he enjoys the good will and esteem of all who know him.

Michael Obendorfer. A prominent, prosperous, and eminently respected citizen of Youngstown, Michael Obendorfer, president and general manager of The Obendorfer Company, has been actively associated with the commercial interests of the city since entering his father's store as a clerk in 1871, nearly half a century ago, a longer period of time without doubt than any other individual can boast. A son of Tobias Obendorfer, he was born October 25, 1855, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of both Mercer and Sharon.

Tobias Obendorfer was born in 1830 in Bavaria, which became part of the German Empire in 1871, and early in life immigrated to the United States, located in Pennsylvania. Soon after his marriage he came with his wife to Youngstown, making the trip from Enon Valley, that state, in a stage coach, there having been no railroads at that time. He continued his work as a coal miner until 1871, when he opened a general store on East Federal Street, and built up an extensive trade in the mining districts surrounding Youngstown, including Church Hill, Weathersfield, Scripp Hill, Chestnut Ridge, and other near-by places, selling and delivering goods to the people there employed in the various mines. The store has since been moved to other locations, in 1878 to the corner of Federal and Basin streets, from there being moved to 361 East Federal Street. In 1909 the firm erected its present large and conveniently arranged establishment at 1030 Himrod Avenue, and has continued the sale of general merchandise on an extensive scale.

Tobias Obendorfer, the original proprietor of the business, died in 1899, his death being a loss not only to his family but to the firm and to the community in which he had lived and labored, his home having been on Wilson Avenue. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Maier, was born in Bavaria in 1836, and died in Youngstown in 1905. They were charter members of each Saint Columba's and Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Of the nine children born of their union three are now living, as follows: Michael, the subject of this sketch; Mary, widow of Fred Hardesty, of this city; and William, with the Youngstown Engineering and Foundry Company at Youngstown, Ohio.

Educated in Saint Columba's School and Saint Joseph's School, Michael Obendorfer entered his father's store in 1871, as previously mentioned, and by continuous application soon mastered every detail connected with the business, gaining a practical knowledge and experience that has been of inestimable value to him as president and manager of the large mercantile firm of The Obendorfer Company. A man of broad capacity and excellent business and executive ability, Mr. Obendorfer is also connected with various other enterprises of an industrial and financial nature. A member of the City Council from 1877 until 1891, he served on the committee on claims and finance and during the last year was vice president of the council. He has been a director of the City Trust & Savings Company since its organization, and is secretary of the Garland Block & Sand Company.

Mr. Obendorfer married Margaret Adams, a daughter of Theodore and Francisco Adams, who are now living in Struthers, her father being a venerable man of eighty-seven years. She was born in Hubbard, Ohio, the descendant of an old and honored family. Mr. and Mrs. Obendorfer are the parents of seven children, namely: Michael, Jr., secretary and treasurer of The Obendorfer Company; Minnie, wife of George Wasman, of Youngstown; Elmer J., formerly assistant state bank superintendent of Ohio, now with the Peninsular State Bank of Detroit, Michigan; Edward, who was in service during the World war, was ready to go overseas when his wife died, and he was transferred to the quartermaster's department at Camp Sherman, Ohio; Theodore, in his father's store; and Elizabeth and Katherine, at home. Mr. Obendorfer has always worked diligently, and has enjoyed the best of health, a boon that he credits to his habits of industry, and he has never needed the aid of glasses, his eyesight being as good as his health.

Capt. Raymond V. Dickey. The respect which should always be accorded the brave boys of the United States who left homes and the peaceful pursuits of civil life to give their services, and their lives if need be, in defense of the great principles for which this country entered the World war, is certainly due the gentleman to a brief review of whose life the following lines are devoted. He proved his love and loyalty to his government and the Allied cause in all kinds of situations, on the tiresome

marches, exposed to inclement weather, and amid the flame and smoke of battle, where the rattle of the musketry mingled with the terrible concussion of the bursting shell and the deep diapason of the cannon's roar made up the sublime but awful chorus of death. To them the world is under a debt of gratitude which it cannot pay, and in centuries yet to be posterity will commemorate their chivalry in fitting eulogy and tell of their deeds in story and in song. Among such as these is numbered the subject of this sketch, and the record he made while in the military service of his country is one of which he has just reason to be proud.

Raymond V. Dickey is a native son of the state now honored by his citizenship, having been born at East Liverpool, Ohio, on the 18th day of April, 1890. His parents, Edwin V. and Nina (Ritchie) Dickey, were also born in this state, and are now living in Youngstown, where the father is associated with the Sheetz Lumber Company. He is the son of Isaac Dickey, an officer of cavalry under the command of Gen. John A. Logan during the Civil war. The Dickey family moved to Youngstown in 1910.

Raymond V. Dickey was reared in his native town and attended its public schools, graduating from the high school. He then became a student in the Western Reserve University, in which institution he was graduated from the course in pharmacy. Thereafter for a time he was in the drug business in Cleveland, Ohio, but in 1913 he came to Youngstown and opened a pharmacy for Doctor Swaney. Soon afterward he entered the employ of the Buick Automobile Agency in this city, with whom he remained until entering the military service of the United States. In 1914 he enlisted as a private in the Ohio National Guard, in which he at once proved his natural military qualifications to such a degree that on June 24, 1915, he was given a second lieutenant's commission, and on July 13, 1917, he was promoted to a captaincy. His first active field service was on the Mexican border, where he received experience which proved of great value to him in his subsequent service. He served first in Company M, Fifth Regiment, Ohio Infantry, which afterward became the One Hundred and Forty-Fifth United States Infantry, as a part of the Thirty-Seventh Division. Subsequently, in connection with Col. William P. Love, Maj. Wade C. Christy and Capt. Jesse E. Wells, Captain Dickey was ordered to recruit and organize the Tenth Regiment of Ohio Infantry, which was commanded by Col. Charles C. Weybrecht, who had served as adjutant-general of the State of Ohio. The Tenth Regiment was organized and sent to Camp Sheridan, at Montgomery, Alabama, where they remained in training for two months. This command was converted into Machine Gun Battalions One Hundred Thirty-Four, One Hundred Thirty-Five and One Hundred Thirty-Six, and as such they underwent intensive training until January, 1918, when they were sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, and later to Hoboken, New Jersey, where the Thirty-Seventh Division embarked on the Leviathan, and seven days later were landed at Brest, France. Captain Dickey remained on duty with the Thirty-Seventh Division until late in July, 1918, when he was transferred to the Twenty-Sixth ("Yankee") Division. He took an active part in the heavy fighting in the Argonne drive and remained in the front lines until, just prior to the armistice, he received a machine-gun wound and was gassed. As a result of these injuries he was classed as "B-2" and was sent to a classification camp for discharge on account of disability. He was moved from one classification camp to another and finally, on February 22, 1919, he was sent to Brest and returned to the United States on the battleship Connecticut, in command of 250 wounded men. They were twelve days in crossing and landed at Hoboken, where Captain Dickey received an honorable discharge on March 5, 1919.

The captain's brother, Harold C. Dickey, also saw active service on the Mexican border and received a first lieutenant's commission, but just when he was expecting to sail for France he was discharged from the service on account of disability.

In April, 1919, the two brothers formed a partnership and took over the Kissel Automobile Agency and are now operating two garages, one at 253-255 West Boardman Street and one at 124 West Boardman Street. Energetic and industrious, they have already gained an enviable reputation as a progressive and enterprising firm and are enjoying a large and representative patronage. Although comparatively young in years, Captain Dickey's life has been a busy and successful one, and his record is eminently worthy of perusal by those who would learn the intrinsic essence of individuality and its influence in molding a successful career. Genial and approachable, he has a host of warm personal friends and enjoys to a marked degree the esteem and confidence of the entire community.

Herman F. Duesing. While success cannot be achieved without unflagging industry, the futility of effort is often noticeable in the business world and results from the fact that it is not combined with sound business judgment. Many a man who gives his entire life to toil, earnest and unremitting, never acquires a competence, but when his labor is well directed, prosperity always follows. Mr. Duesing is one whose work has been supplemented by careful management, and today he is among those who have triumphed over adverse conditions and won success. He is not only identified with various business interests of Youngstown, but has also in other ways been an active factor in the civic life of the city.

Herman F. Duesing was born in Germany on the 7th day of April, 1867, and is the son of Fred and Louise (Vogelsang) Duesing. The family came to the United States when the subject of this sketch was about two years of age, locating in New Castle, Pennsylvania, in 1869. The father was employed in the mills there until 1872, when he came to Youngstown and became janitor of the Covington Street school, retaining that position for fifteen years. Since that time he has been connected with the Brier Hill mills in various capacities and is now employed in the general offices of the company, working every day. He is now eighty years of age, and his wife, seventy-nine years. They are members of the Lutheran Church at Brier Hill. Of their six children, two sons and four daughters, Herman F. is the oldest.

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Herman F. Duesing received his educational training in the Wood Street and Brier Hill schools, and at the age of fourteen years he entered the employ of Weller & Yagen, who operated a store at Brier Hill. This store was afterwards sold to Mr. Brenner and in 1890 became the property of the subject. Mr. Duesing started in business with a very limited cash capital, but he did have a good credit, and both were intelligently used, with very gratifying results, for he has been successful in all his efforts. For a number of years the business was incorporated as the Herman F. Duesing Mercantile Company, of which Mr. Duesing was president, but recently he has taken over the entire interests and the active management of the business. For some years he also served as general manager of the Simon Packing Company.

In 1892 Mr. Duesing was married to Bertha Bayer, the daughter of Captain John Bayer, and they are the parents of two children, Vera May, the wife of William G. Kuhlman, claim agent of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and Fred H.

Politically Mr. Duesing is a stanch supporter of the democratic party and has taken an active interest in local public affairs. He served with efficiency for nine years as a member of the Board of Education and also served two years as director of public service under Mayor Craven's second administration. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite; the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Lodge 55, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 55, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Robert E. Johnson Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, which he is serving as deacon. Mr. Duesing has acted well his part in life, and while primarily interested in his own affairs he has not been unmindful of the interests of others, as his efforts to advance the public good and promote the welfare of his fellow men abundantly attest. He is a splendid example of the virile, progressive, self-made man who believes in doing well whatever he undertakes, a man of keen discernment and sound judgment, broad minded and eminently fair and just in all his relations with his fellow men, and therefore he enjoys their confidence and good will.

William Liggett, a retired resident of Lowellville, was born in Poland Township, February 3, 1841, son of William and Rosanna (Jackson) Liggett. His father was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of seventeen, soon finding his way to the country of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. Later he had three of his sisters come over: Elizabeth, who married John Crawford and lived and died in Mahoning Valley; Jane M., who married Samuel Cross, of Butler County, where both died; and Mary, who died young.

William Liggett, Sr., learned the stone mason and brick mason's trade, was also a plasterer, and followed those occupations most of his years. About 1840 he located at Lowellville. He had previously helped build the canal locks. He was one of the earnest members of the United Presbyterian Church, and a citizen of unquestionable patriotism. He died at the age of seventy-one. On December 5, 1826, he married Rosanna Jackson, who was born March 10, 1798, and died April 19, 1855. William Liggett, Sr., was born October 3, 1801. His second wife was Margaret, who died December 31, 1875, aged seventy-eight. The children of William Liggett, Sr., were: Joseph, born September 10, 1828; James, born November 3, 1830; Nancy, born May 21, 1832; Jane, born February 15, 1834; John, who died in childhood; Margaret Ann, born August 4, 1838; and William, born February 3, 1841. The son Joseph lived at Lowellville, conducted a nursery on top of the hill, and died January 26, 1904. He married in 1864 Eliza Erwin, and they had no children. The son James married Harriet G. Richardson, and on January 1, 1862, married his second wife, Isabel Sexton. He died November 28, 1915, and his wife, Isabel, on January 22, 1917. The two children of James by his first wife are John W., of South Dakota, and Mrs. Harriet Buchanan, of Grove City, Pennsylvania. James Liggett's children by his wife Isabel are Lizzie, Mina, Anna, wife of Lyman Stacy, Mary, Joseph and Samuel, twins. Nancy Liggett became the wife of Alexander Barclay, who was a carpenter at Youngstown, and she died January 18, 1904. Jane Liggett was married to Zalmon T. Matthews, of Kinsman, Trumbull County, and died March 8, 1913. Margaret Ann became the wife of John McClain, a miller at Lowellville, who afterward moved to Newcastle, Pennsylvania, where she died August 1, 1896.

William Liggett, Jr., was married February 24, 1876, to Elizabeth J. Workman, who was born at Steubenville, Ohio, October 6, 1844. For forty years William Liggett conducted a carriage and wagon shop at Lowellville.

In 1863 he enlisted in Company E of the Second Ohio Cavalry, and saw some very strenuous service as a cavalryman in both the East and West. He was with the Federal troops operating in Tennessee and Missouri, also in Virginia, was with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley campaign, and also under Custer. Since 1901 Mr. William Liggett has been living retired. He is a republican, was a charter member of old Reno Post at Lowellville, now discontinued, and he now attends the Post at Youngstown. William Liggett was made a Mason in 1870, and is affiliated with Western Star Lodge at Youngstown.

The two children of William Liggett are Gertrude M., who died July 6, 1908, the wife of Charles Stoner; and David William, a mill man living at Lowellville.

John Armstrong Cooper, representing an old Mahoning County family, has his country home in Coitsville Township, four miles east of the Youngstown courthouse.

He was born in Coitsville, a mile and a quarter southeast of the village on the old David Cooper farm, March 11, 1860, son of Robert and Catherine (Buchanan) Cooper. Robert Cooper was born on the same farm in 1827, and died November 12, 1896.

His parents were David and Rebecca (Armstrong) Cooper. David Cooper, a native of Ireland, was an early settler in Mahoning County. His farm was cut into five tracts for his sons John, David, William, Armstrong and Robert, and all these lands have since been sold out of the family. Robert Cooper remained on his portion until his death, and had increased his holdings to a hundred and fifty-four acres, having inherited fifty acres from his bachelor brother John. Robert's wife died in 1893, having been born in 1831. There were four children in the family, David Perry, father of Judge Dal Cooper; Laura Rebecca, wife of N. B. Carlton, of Girard; Sarah Jane, who became a professional nurse and died at the age of fifty; and John A.

John A. Cooper lived at home until his marriage on December 24, 1885, to Eliza Jane Jackson, daughter of Joseph M. and Rebecca (Lorain) Jackson. She was born in Hubbard Township, and at the age of five years was taken by her parents to Coitsville Township, where her father conducted a farm, sawmill and coal bank. Joseph M. Jackson served as county commissioner at the time of the removal of the county seat from Canfield to Youngstown and during the construction of the Youngstown courthouse. At an earlier date in politics he was a greenbacker, was a republican, and finally, feeling that the party had deserted him, he acted with the democrats. He was once candidate for sheriff and also was on the republican ticket for the Legislature. He died March 3, 1896, and his wife July 19, 1908.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Cooper rented a farm, then bought part of the Nicholas Jacobs share, a place on which he spent twelve years, following which he bought his father's old farm, but soon sold that and came to his present place. Mrs. Cooper inherited fifty acres from her father and together they added another eighty acres. The present farm contains only forty acres. For twenty years Mr. Cooper was a successful breeder of Red Polled cattle and exhibited his stock at many local and state fairs, winning some of the first honors, particularly in the New Jersey Fair. Mr. Cooper has never sought public office. He and his wife have two daughters. The older, Mabel Lorain, is the wife of Clifford Brownlee, and they live on a part of the Cooper farm. Their two children are Catherine and Ruth. The second daughter, Edna, is the wife of Leroy Campbell, a farmer and teacher, being principal of the schools at Scienceville. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have one child, Elizabeth.

Nelson Crandall during his active lifetime was closely associated with many of the prominent business men of Youngstown, and his energies were strongly impressed upon some of the enterprises that are regarded as foundation stones in Youngstown's present greatness.

He was born January 4, 1826, and came to Youngstown at the age of twelve years. His parents, Israel and Pamela (Cook) Crandall, were residents of Chenango County, New York. The father was a wagon maker, and he and his wife in later years followed their children to Youngstown and died here.

Four married sisters were living in Youngstown before Nelson Crandall came. They were Mrs. Francis Barclay, Mrs. Joseph Barclay, Mrs. Ransford Percival and Mrs. Asel Medbury. Nelson Crandall lived in the home of Francis Barclay. The two Barclay brothers were local merchants and employed Nelson in their store. He also continued his education in the public school then on the Diamond, and attended a night school. After his early business training he opened a general store at Girard, where he was associated with William Crawford. When that store was destroyed by fire he entered the old Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company, and for many years was secretary and treasurer of that, one of the prominent industries of the older Youngstown. He became well known to Governor Tod and served as secretary of the Tod estate. Nelson Crandall, associated with Henry Tod and John Stambaugh, in 1870 built the first Tod House. Mr. Crandall was active in business for nearly forty years, finally retiring from the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company about 1884. In the meantime he had acquired a farm in the northern part of the present city of Youngstown, and part of this bears the name Crandall Park.

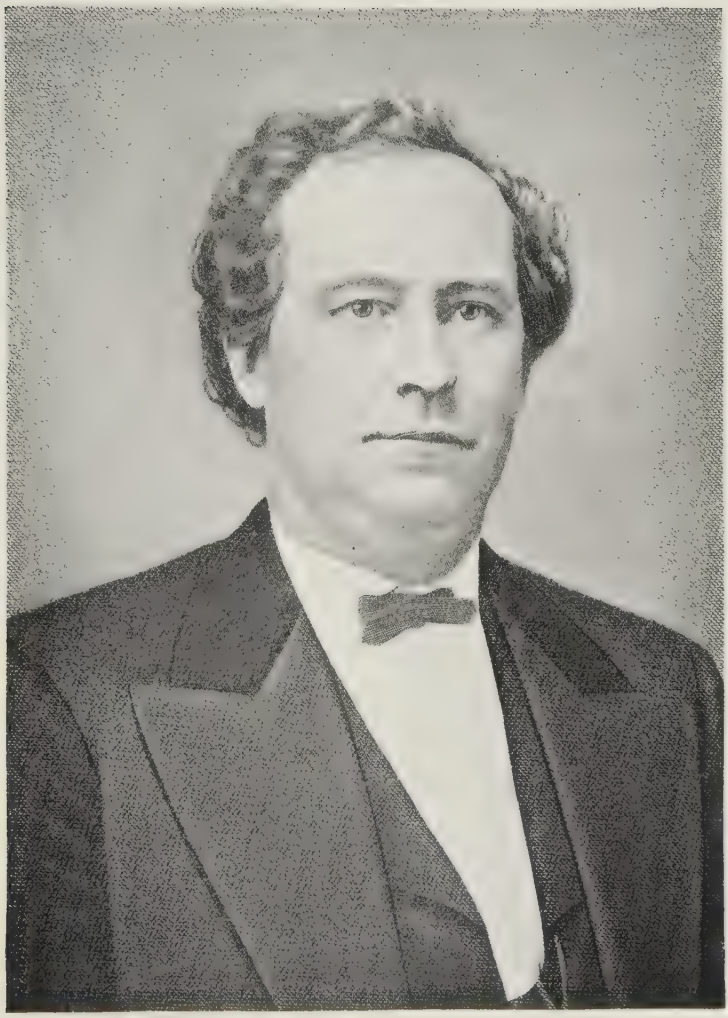
Mr. Crandall attended the Methodist Church, was a stanch republican, but had no inclination for the turmoil of politics. He possessed many friends, and the integrity of his character made him a real man in the community. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

February 18, 1851, Mr. Crandall married Miss Sarah Stambaugh. Her father was the pioneer John Stambaugh. She died June 1, 1877. There were four children: Julia, who died in infancy, James Ford, Arabelle and Charles Nelson. The three survivors are unmarried and live together at Youngstown. Charles is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

Sidney DeLamar Jackson, who was admitted to the bar in 1877, has for over forty years been one of Youngstown's hardest working lawyers. The sum of his work has been the real achievement and reputation as a lawyer. His career has not been brilliant or conspicuous at any one point, but has rather been a steady continuous output of sound legal talent and successful work in behalf of his clientage.

Mr. Jackson was born at Hubbard in Trumbull County, Ohio, April 9, 1855, a son of Joseph M. and Rebecca L. Jackson. His great-grandfather, Joseph Jackson, was born in Northern Ireland, and was an early settler in Mahoning County. The grandfather, John Jackson, was born in that county in 1800, was a cooper by trade and died in 1868. Joseph M. Jackson was born in 1828, was a farmer and lumberman, and was captain of Company C of the One Hundred and Seventy-First Ohio Infantry.

Sidney DeLamar Jackson spent his early life chiefly on a farm, attended country schools, the academy at Poland, and the Grand River Institute at Austinburg, was a teacher and studied law with Hon. D. M. Wilson at Youngstown. He was elected prosecuting attorney of Mahoning County in 1896. His first wife was Mary E. Cushing, who died in 1885. In 1890 he married Miss Lelia G. McBurney, a daughter of Henderson McBurney. The three chil-



Nelson Crandall

dren of their union are Joseph H., Mary Lorain and Sidney DeLamar, Jr. Mr. Jackson is a republican in politics and has long been identified with civic and fraternal affairs in his home city.

HARRY L. ROWND is distinctively one of the representative business men of Youngstown, and today he is held in deservedly high esteem among the business men of his adopted city.

Harry L. Rownd, first vice president of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born at Zanesville, Ohio, on October 27, 1867, and is the son of Robert M. and Susan E. (Thompson) Rownd. When he was about seven years of age the family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood and educated in the public schools. He then became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and while there became a member of the Greek-letter college fraternity Phi Delta Theta. For about three years after leaving college he was employed as a teller in the Clinton National Bank at Columbus, and followed this by several years employment with the Columbus Bridge Company. In May, 1899, Mr. Rownd became identified with the Republic Iron and Steel Company, which had just been organized at Chicago. His record with this great corporation is a record of faithful service in every position occupied by him and of recognition of this loyalty by successive promotions. He was made assistant treasurer, followed successively by the offices of general auditor, secretary, secretary and treasurer, secretary and general auditor, and vice president and treasurer, while since 1916 he has occupied the position of first vice president. His success has been the reward of the application of mental qualifications of a high order to the affairs of business, combined with keen perceptions of mental activity that enabled him to grasp the opportunities that presented themselves. This he has done with success and, what is more important, with honor.

In 1890 Mr. Rownd was married to Cora Packard, of Columbus, Ohio, and to them have been born two children, Frank L. and Helen L. Mr. Rownd and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a stanch supporter of the republican party, with marked progressive tendencies, as are so many men today of that virile type of which Theodore Roosevelt was so splendid an example. Socially he is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Genial and courteous in his relations with others, he has the esteem of all persons connected with the company, and because of his success and his splendid personal qualities he is highly regarded by all who know him.

JOHN R. THOMAS. It is a pleasure to investigate the career of a successful self-made man. Peculiar honor attaches to that individual who, beginning the great struggle of life alone and unaided, gradually overcomes unfavorable environment, removes one by one the obstacles in the pathway of success and by the master strokes of his own force and vitality succeeds in forging his way to the front and winning for himself a position of esteem and influence among his fellow men. Such was the record, briefly stated, of the late John R. Thomas, who at the time of his death in 1891 was one of the most highly respected citizens and business men of Youngstown.

John R. Thomas was born in Paris Township, Portage County, Ohio, on March 1, 1841, and was the son of William D. and Ann (Davis) Thomas, both of whom were natives of Wales. They immigrated to the United States in the '30s, three months being consumed in the long and tiresome trip by sailing vessel. They landed in this country in debt, unacquainted with the language and customs of the people, but with a firm determination to succeed. They first located at Kent, Ohio, where Mr. Thomas found employment with Mr. Kent, the founder of the town. By wise management and close economy they were enabled to save their means and eventually Mr. Thomas bought a farm in Paris Township, Portage County, where they passed the remainder of their days. It was there that John R. Thomas was born and grew to manhood. He married Hannah Johns, the daughter of 'Squire David Johns, who lived in the neighboring Township of Palmyra, where he held the office of justice of the peace and was a noted character of that period. John R. Thomas followed farming and cheese making for many years, in which he was successful, and there reared his family, consisting of five sons and four daughters. His great desire was to give his children better opportunities in life than the farm alone afforded, and with this in view he leased a basement on East Federal Street, Youngstown, on June 13, 1887, and opened a wholesale market for cheese, operating this market in connection with farming. His business judgment in this enterprise was abundantly justified in the final outcome of the business so modestly begun. After his death the business was continued by his sons and has grown to be one of the largest wholesale grocery houses of Youngstown, being now conducted under the name of The Thomas Company. Politically Mr. Thomas gave his support to the democratic party, but was exceedingly liberal in his views and had no ambition for public office. He had an abiding faith in the future of the youth of the land and was an earnest and persistent advocate of both public and private schools. He possessed one quality characteristic of his nationality, namely, a fondness for and knowledge of music, and for many years conducted singing schools, having had between one hundred and one hundred and fifty pupils from the surrounding neighborhood, and he also rendered effective and appreciated service as church and Sunday school chorister. He was a man of deep moral convictions and was an earnest advocate of all that obtained for good citizenship. He was a member of no church, but professed a firm faith in the omnipotence of Deity. Fraternally he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. To him and his wife were born the following children: Seymour died at the age of twenty years. B. Frank will be mentioned in a later paragraph. Arnold D. married Elizabeth Gabriel and has two children, Helen and John Elbert. Arnold Thomas drew up the by-laws and was the organizing president of the first successful Chamber of Commerce in Youngstown. Miriam L.

for sixteen years has been a teacher in the Rayen High School, having charge of the teaching of French. Anna B. is assistant librarian of the Youngstown Public Library. William D. married Bessie Foster and at present is chief engineer of the Bessemer Limestone Company. George B. is a graduate of Ohio State University and taught school; he married Mary Wright and has two children, George B., Jr., and Hannah. He was a lieutenant in the United States service on the Mexican border and at the outbreak of the World war was employed by the Government on electrical specialties. It is a matter of record that he had more to do with the development and perfection of the instrument by which a submarine within sixteen miles could be located than any other one man. Amelia J. is a teacher in the Youngstown kindergarten schools. Tilla P. is a teacher of mathematics and French in the public high school at Summit, New Jersey. The mother of these children survives and is living in Youngstown. It is noteworthy that seven of the children in this family engaged in teaching school, all having received excellent educational advantages and all of them occupying eminently respectable positions in the community. The two oldest sons are now conducting The Thomas Company, which is now rated as one of the leading wholesale houses of Youngstown.

B. Frank Thomas has since the death of his father been the head of the family and has very successfully carried on the work founded by his father. His first employment was as a school teacher, and at that time he entertained an ambition to take up the study and practice of law. However, the growing need of his father for assistance in business determined him to abandon his plan and he devoted himself to the business. He possesses natural aptitude for commercial pursuits, and the splendid growth which the business has enjoyed of late years has been largely due to his sound judgment and progressive policy. Mr. Thomas is not selfishly bound up in his own business interests, but takes a deep interest in the general welfare of the community in which he lives, giving his support to every worthy movement tending to the upbuilding and improvement of the city in any way.

Mr. Thomas was married to Irma Brenner, and they have two children, Margaret L. and John H. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being past master of Western Star Lodge No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of Youngstown Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons; past commander of St. John's Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar; past thrice potent master of Youngstown Lodge of Perfection, and is a thirty-third degree member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a man of sociable and kindly nature and is popular with all who are associated with him, possessing the confidence and good will of the entire community.

Warner H. Sullivan. When Mr. Sullivan came to Youngstown he brought with him a record of more than thirty years of practical, continuous and faithful service as a railroad man, almost entirely with the lines and divisions constituting the modern system of the New York Central lines. Mr. Sullivan is now superintendent of the Franklin Division of the New York Central Railroad at Youngstown.

His father was a railroad man before him, and the family record in all the generations is an honorable one. This branch of the Sullivans lived for several generations in Connecticut. The first to come to the Ohio Western Reserve was Rev. Potter Sullivan, a Methodist circuit rider, who traveled all over the counties of Northeastern Ohio, enduring the hardships and trials connected with the work of carrying the Gospel to the isolated communities.

Among his children was John G. Sullivan, grandfather of Warner. John G. Sullivan, who married a member of the Hopkins family, likewise pioneers of Ohio, was a farmer and lived at Geneva in Ashtabula County. His son, Charles H. Sullivan, was born in Pennsylvania and was reared by an uncle, Warner Hopkins, in Ashtabula County. He early took up railroading with the old Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway. He was on the division known as the Cleveland, Painsville & Eastern, at first as a brakeman and later as a conductor. At that time this branch of the Lake Shore was operated by five train crews. During the Civil war he was with the Ohio Artillery, was once surrounded by the enemy, but made his escape after spending weeks in swamps. At the close of the war he resumed his old position as a railroad man, and became one of the veterans in the service of the New York Central lines. He died at Erie, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1910. He acted independently in politics and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Warner H. Sullivan, one of the three children of Charles H. and Frances (Olmstead) Sullivan, was born in Geneva, Ohio, December 29, 1871. He spent most of his boyhood in Erie, Pennsylvania, attending grammar and high schools there. Circumstances and his own independent spirit put him early into the battle of life. At the age of sixteen he went to work for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, and has been with that branch of the New York Central lines ever since. His first duties were as call boy in the yards at Erie, and successive stages in his promotion and service were as a numbertaker, train starter, in charge of coaling engines, locomotive fireman between Erie and Buffalo, freight brakeman between Erie and Cleveland (and during this time was "loaned" to the engineers department in charge of a large gravel pit), clerk and general utility man in the office of the superintendent of the Eastern Division, assistant yardmaster at Buffalo, and yardmaster and night general yardmaster at Buffalo; yardmaster in charge of docks and terminals at Ashtabula Harbor, being on duty there during the reconstruction period; at Chicago was trainmaster of the Western Division; was assigned trainmaster of the Toledo Division with headquarters at Toledo, and in the same position was moved to Cleveland, though assigned especially to the Cleveland terminals. From Cleveland Mr. Sullivan went back to his home city of Erie as assistant superintendent of the Erie Division, and on June 15, 1917, came to Youngstown as assistant superintendent in charge of operation of the Franklin Division. Since January, 1918, he has been superintendent of this division.

Warren H. Pulsifer

Though briefly stated, this is a record of service that entitled Mr. Sullivan to the high rank he enjoys among railroad men. He is a Knight Templar Mason and Mystic Shriner, and is a member of the Shriners' Club and the Youngstown Automobile Club. September 21, 1900, he married Helen E. Lennihan. Mrs. Sullivan died December 31, 1914, leaving one daughter, Margaret Frances.

RENICK M. BELL. The representative citizen of Youngstown whose name appears above has been distinctively the architect of his own fortunes, has been true and loyal in all the relations of life and stands as a type of that sterling manhood which ever commands respect and honor. He is a man who would have won his way in any locality where fate might have placed him, for he has sound judgment, coupled with great energy and business tact, together with upright principles, all of which make for success wherever and whenever they are rightfully and persistently applied. By reason of these principles he has won and retained a host of friends in whatever community he is known.

Renick M. Bell was born at Lyons, Kansas, on the 19th day of December, 1873, and is a son of Josiah R. and Mary (Magoffin) Bell, both of whom were born and reared in the vicinity of Chillicothe, Ohio. Renick Bell received his education in the public schools of his native community. He was then variously employed for several years, and eventually reversed Horace Greeley's advice, going East, so that at the time of the breaking out of the Spanish-American war he was employed as a shipping clerk in a brush factory at Toledo, Ohio. He enlisted and became a corporal in Company L, Sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he was sent to Cuba, being stationed at Cienfuegos when the war ended. He was then given his honorable discharge, but remained in Cuba thereafter some eighteen months, being employed as a civilian clerk for the United States Government. In 1901 he returned to the United States and found employment with the Babcock & Wilcox Company, boiler manufacturers at Barberton, Ohio, remaining there until 1909, except six months during which time he was sent by his company to the (then) Indian Territory, as secretary and treasurer of their subsidiary branch in that field. In 1909 Mr. Bell came to Youngstown and became connected with the General Fireproofing Company. His first relation with this well-known concern was as manager of the cost department, but since 1915 he has been the secretary and treasurer of the company. He is a man of more than ordinary business qualifications and has to a marked degree won the confidence and esteem of his business associates, as well as the good will and respect of the entire community.

In 1904 Mr. Bell was united in marriage with Lena Shafer, of Barberton, Ohio, and to them two daughters have been born, Elizabeth and Dorothy. Mr. Bell is a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church and, socially, is identified with the Youngstown Country Club.

JOHN J. BRANT, auditor of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company and one of the reliable and efficient men of his calling, has been a resident of Youngstown since 1892. He was born on a farm in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg, on January 10, 1865. He is one of seven children, five now living, who were born to the marriage of George Brant and Julia A. Harlan. The latter was a granddaughter of Jonathan Harlan, a soldier of the American Revolution, who came from Chester County to Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, about 1800, and Harlansburg was named in his honor. George Brant was born in Lawrence County, and spent the latter part of his life on a farm. In 1851 he went overland to California in search of gold, and had some wonderful experiences, as did the majority of those venturesome explorers. After eight years of hard work in which he sought to wrest a fortune from nature George Brant returned home by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and on his arrival in New York City had his first sight of a locomotive engine.

John J. Brant grew up on his father's farm and attended the public schools of his neighborhood. After leaving school he began working for railroads and was thus engaged for five or six years, serving in various capacities, including that of telegrapher. In 1892 he became a clerk for the Union Iron & Steel Company at Youngstown, Ohio, and remained with that concern until it became a part of the Carnegie Company in 1899. Mr. Brant then engaged with the Republic Iron & Steel Company, but left it in 1902 to ally himself with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, with which he has since been connected. For some years he has been auditor of this corporation and is one of its most trusted and dependable men. Mr. Brant is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and also a member of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, Ohio. He belongs to the Youngstown Club and is one of the best known men in the city.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. Brant was united in marriage with Miss Anna R. Sprinkle, of Youngstown, and they have three sons, namely: Arthur M., Howard J. and Frank H. The two older sons, Arthur and Howard, served in the World war, the former as a master engineer in the Chemical War Service; and the latter as a second lieutenant in the famous First Division, was for five weeks on the front line and was wounded while in the vicinity of Charpentry, France.

FRANK H. RAY. While his activities as a merchant have been closely identified with the very modern period of Youngstown's commercial life, Frank H. Ray has some personal recollections of this section of Eastern Ohio strongly flavored with actual pioneer conditions and involving many of the old time pioneer personalities, including his own family connections, some of whom were among the very first settlers.

His father was William Ray and his grandfather was also William, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Grandfather William Ray was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, while William Ray, Jr., was born in the same county in 1825 and died in 1872.

William Ray, Jr., married Marietta Austin, who died in 1903. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Charlotte Bishop, who after their mar-

riage in Maryland made the journey to Ohio on horseback, and stopped with relatives near Youngstown until they could build their log cabin. They were among the first settlers in their community. Joseph Bishop lived to the age of ninety-seven and his wife to eighty-eight.

Marietta Austin's father was Harmon W. Austin, who was born in New Haven County, Connecticut, in 1804. He had the genius of a typical Yankee and when he came to Ohio he paid the expenses of the trip selling Yankee notions on the road. He settled in Boardman Township of Mahoning County, and became a manufacturer of harness and brooms, supplying not only the local trade but taking boat loads of his commodities down the Ohio River to New Orleans. He died in 1851.

Frank H. Ray was born at Boardman, Ohio, December 3, 1852, and was the oldest son of his parents. As a boy he remembers a time when there was but one frame house between Cook's Corners and Youngstown, and when Youngstown itself was an unpaved country village, and when the most imposing buildings were hardly more than two stories. His early youth was spent at the historic and cultured Town of Poland, and from the public schools he finished his education in Poland Seminary. Mr. Ray spent many days of his boyhood and early youth wandering over the country. He enjoyed one of the typical sports of the time, coon hunting, and to this day retains a deep love of outdoor life. His father rebuilt the old Morse Mill at Poland, a mill that was patronized by farmers for miles around.

After leaving school Frank H. Ray clerked in a store and then, at the insistence of his father, learned the carpenter's trade. After completing his apprenticeship he returned to the store, later started a small business of his own, and after that went on the road as a traveling salesman. He realized his ambition to become the best salesman for his house, and when he retired in 1897 he became manager of the Valley Store. Mr. Ray in 1904 helped organize the Central Store Company of Youngstown, a concern that in fifteen years has become one of the largest mercantile corporations in the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Ray married for his first wife Mary Elizabeth Dennison, daughter of William and Elizabeth P. Dennison, of Youngstown. He has two daughters. Helen Austin became the wife of P. C. Warren, living in Evanston, Illinois, and they have two children, Elizabeth and Henry. Mary McMaster Ray married Robert D. Stitt, of Youngstown, Ohio, and they have one son, Frank Thomas Stitt. They live in California. In 1897 Mr. Ray married for his second wife Miss Gabrielle Lightner, of Youngstown.

Tod Family. Some of the most extensive material interests and some of the leading personalities in the modern life of the Youngstown district are associated with the old and dignified Tod name. The life and character of several of the family, including Ohio's great war governor, David Tod, are set forth in detail on other pages. It is appropriate here to outline briefly the several generations of the family by means of which the relationship of various individuals may be more easily ascertained.

During the eighteenth century the Tod family lived in the shire of Perth, Scotland. Robert Tod was born and spent his life there. He married Isabella Low. One of their children was David Tod, who was born in Perthshire and who came to America in 1746. He lived for some years at Suffolk, Connecticut. He married in 1772 Rachel Kent. They were the parents of six children, named George, Samuel, Isabella, John, Charlotte Low and David Low.

Among these children the history of Youngstown is chiefly concerned with George Tod, who was born December 11, 1773, and died at Brier Hill, Ohio, April 11, 1841. He graduated from Yale College in 1795, and for several years practiced law in New Haven, Connecticut. He first came to the Western Reserve of Ohio in 1800, and in 1801 moved his family to Youngstown, then a small collection of cabins on the eastern edge of the wilderness. In the year of his arrival, being a young man whose talents were easily identified, he was appointed secretary for the territory of Ohio by Governor St. Clair. In 1802 he was elected the first clerk of Youngstown Township. In 1804 he was chosen state senator from Trumbull County, and in 1806 was elected a member of the Supreme Court of Ohio by the Legislature. In that notable group of public leaders produced by the old Western Reserve the name and character of George Tod will always stand out conspicuously. During the War of 1812 he was commissioned major, was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, and for distinguished service at the battles of Fort Meigs and Sackett's Harbor was promoted to colonel. After the war he resumed his law practice. He was elected and served one term as prosecuting attorney of Trumbull County, and in 1815 was elected president judge of the Third Judicial Circuit. He was on the Circuit Bench until 1829, and after that continued his extensive law business.

In 1797 Judge George Tod had married Sally Isaacs. Their seven children were Charlotte Low, Jonathan Ingersoll, Mary Isaacs, David, Julia Ann, Grace Ingersoll and George, Jr.

The career of Governor David Tod is the subject of a special article reserved for other pages. At this point should be noted only his descendants. David Tod married Maria Smith, and their seven children were Charlotte, John, Henry, George, William, Grace and Sallie. His son John married and had a son David and five daughters. George Tod was born in 1840, became a lawyer and was a Union soldier in the Civil war. William Tod, born July 30, 1843, died April 27, 1905. He was prominent in the Youngstown district in the foundry business. In 1869 he married Frances Barnhisel, and left two sons, David and Frederick.

Henry Tod, a son of Governor David Tod, was born at Warren, Ohio, June 14, 1838, and died at Youngstown, February 20, 1905. He was one of the most conspicuous members of the Tod family in the upbuilding of the Youngstown industries. During his early twenties he had charge of the Brier Hill furnaces. In 1870, with John Stambaugh, Jr., he

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built the old Tod House. In 1875 he helped organize the Second National Bank of Youngstown, and wisely and ably directed the institution as its first and only president during the twenty-nine years of its existence. After it was merged with the First National Bank he became vice president of the latter. For nearly forty years he was a director of the Mahoning National Bank, for many years was vice president of the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, and supplied the financial genius for many leading industries of the Mahoning Valley. A man of wealth he was noted for his broad-minded generosity, and the integrity of his character was worth as much to Youngstown's development as the extent of his financial capital.

May 26, 1869, Henry Tod married Dillie Pollock. She died December 28, 1878, the mother of two sons, John and Henry. On August 9, 1892, Henry Tod married Lucretia Van Fleet.

John Tod, a son of Henry and Dillie (Pollock) Tod, was born in Youngstown, November 29, 1870, and upon him in recent years have rested many of the responsibilities involved in handling the Tod interests in this section of Ohio. He received his education at Brooks Military Academy in Cleveland and was a member of the class of 1894 of Cornell University. After leaving college he assisted in organizing the Falcon Bronze Company, and was its active manager six years. From 1901 to 1904 he was secretary and treasurer of the Republic Rubber Company. In 1904 he was elected president of the American Belting Company. He is president of the Bessemer Limestone Company, of the Arrel Limestone Company, of the Youngstown Carriage Company, the David Tod Land Company, is first vice president of the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, a director of the First National Bank, Dollar Savings & Trust Company, Union Safe Deposit Company, the Republic Rubber Company, Brier Hill Coke Company, Youngstown Opera House Company, the Holland Company, all of these being prominent corporations at Youngstown. Mr. John Tod is also executor of the estates of David, Henry, George and Sallie Tod.

He is an active member and in 1914-16 was president of the Youngstown Country Club. On December 10, 1895, he married Alice Thayer Wood, daughter of Colonel Frank and Alice Crawford Thayer Wood.

Henry Tod, a brother of John Tod just mentioned, was born in Youngstown, November 11, 1877. He was accidentally killed October 8, 1902. At that time he was assistant superintendent of the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company. His life was unfortunately brief, but it gave him time to demonstrate unmistakable abilities as a business executive, and also that genius which seems to preside in the Tod family for making and acquiring friends.

William Tod, whose place in the Tod family relationship has been elsewhere represented, being the youngest son of Governor David Tod, and a grandson of the founder of the family in the Western Reserve, George Tod, was a conspicuous figure in the founding and development of several industries that are the very cornerstone of Youngstown's commercial history.

He was born at Warren, Ohio, July 30, 1843, and finished his education at Columbus while his father was governor of Ohio. His early experience was that of a practical foundryman, and in the foundry business he laid the basis of his fortune. He was one of the original factors in the company which organized and built the foundry on the later site of the Youngstown Steel Casting Works. He was also associated with John Stambaugh in the Hamilton foundry. He was also a director of the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company and was president of the William Tod Company.

In business affairs of magnitude he exercised those virile qualities and rugged strength which have been characteristic of the Tod family through the various generations. But he was also a man of intellectual pursuits, enjoyed good books, good society, and ever regarded his friendship as inviolable. He was a republican in politics, belonged to the order of Elks and was also a member of the Young Men's Club at Youngstown for many years.

In 1869 William Tod married Frances Barnhisel. Mrs. Tod still resides at the old family home at 238 Lincoln Avenue in Youngstown. William Tod died there April 27, 1905. They had two sons, David and Fred. The son David married Anna Stambaugh.

Fred Tod, the only survivor of the children of William Tod, has done much during his brief career to sustain the high reputation of the Tod family in business and social life.

He was born February 1, 1886, graduated from the Rayen High School of Youngstown in 1906, and prepared for college at Andover and in Princeton schools. He spent one year in the University of Michigan. For nearly ten years he has been a hard-working Youngstown business man. He is a director of the Brier Hill Steel Company and assistant to its vice president. He is a director of the Commercial National Bank, the Youngstown Steel Company, the Brier Hill Coal and Iron Company, the Biwabic Mining Company, the Bessemer Limestone Company, the Brier Hill Mining Company and the Stambaugh-Thompson Company, also in the Youngstown and Northern Railroad Company, and Executor of the William and David Tod estates.

Mr. Tod is a member of the Youngstown Club, Youngstown Country Club, Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, and Bankers Club of New York. April 19, 1913, he married Miss Marguerite Hubbard, daughter of A. T. Hubbard of Cleveland. They have three children: Marguerite, Sallie and Fred, Jr.

David Tod was named in honor of his grandfather, Governor David Tod, and was a son of the late William Tod and Frances (Barnheisel) Tod. Biographies of his father, grandfather and other members of the family appear on other pages.

David Tod was born at Girard, Ohio, August 25, 1870. He was reared in Youngstown, and completed his education at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, and in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University, where he took a course in mechanical engineering. His college degrees and the high business and social position of his family did not prevent him from beginning his business career at the

very bottom. For a time he was a machinist's helper, and subsequently was employed by the Brier Hill Coal and Iron Company. Later his interests took on great diversity. He founded a building and supply business at Youngstown and a cement plant at Struthers. He was one of the promoters of the Interurban Railway connecting Youngstown, North Lima, Columbia and Leetonia, serving as president soon after the building of the road and continuing until his death.

Mr. Tod took an active part in public life. In this field he was distinguished for his fearlessness. When the public welfare required disinterested service, there a champion was found in David Tod. He never stopped to consider the strength and power of the enemy nor personal consequences, but threw himself into a fight with every ounce of vigor he possessed. His record in the Youngstown City Council, where he served from 1901 to 1906, and in the Ohio State Senate from 1909 to 1913, bears witness to his devotion to this ideal, that the public weal is paramount. In 1914 Mr. Tod was a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Ohio, and had the span of his life been prolonged, might ultimately have followed his grandfather to this office.

Mr. Tod is remembered as a great lover of outdoor sports and fine horses. He developed Southern Park, where he maintained a stable and achieved more than local fame as an amateur reinsman.

Upon the death of his father in 1905 and the retirement of John Stambaugh, he succeeded to the presidency of the William Tod Company. The value of the great properties of that corporation were greatly enhanced under his administration, and were finally sold to the United Engineering Company.

His death left vacancies in the positions of director and vice president of the Commercial National Bank, the president of the Youngstown and Suburban Railway Company, director of the Bessemer-Limestone Company, Brier Hill Steel Company, Stambaugh-Thompson Company, Southern Park Land Company, vice president of the David Tod Land Company, trustee of the David and George Tod estates, president of the Citizens New Company, president of the Youngstown Driving Club, and president of the Mahoning Sand & Stone Company, and director of the Ward Mail Company. These offices serve to suggest the close relationship Mr. Tod sustained to the commercial life of the Mahoning Valley.

He was never an idler, and his energy and talents made him a powerful influence for the progress of the community. For a number of years he was a trustee of the Youngstown City Hospital and the Reuben McWilliam Free Library. During the war with Germany he was general chairman in Mahoning County of the American Protective League, and was also a member of the Ohio Council of National Defense. Socially he was a member of the Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown Club, the Elks and other fraternal organizations.

It is due the memory of David Tod that the following editorial should be quoted from the Citizen: "Perhaps the most outstanding characteristic of his life was his wholesome democracy and his utter dislike of sham, pretense or deceit. Although a wealthy man, he never allowed his wealth to interfere with his good fellowship toward all men, no matter how rich or how poor they might be. The man in overals meant just as much to him as the man in broadcloth. He took men for what they were, no matter what their circumstances. He met them on common ground, always as an equal, never as a superior. Naturally this attitude won him hosts of friends in all walks of life, and it is doubtful if another man in Youngstown possessed so many sincere admirers who cry out in anguish before the appalling, crushing fact of his death."

Mr. Tod died May 14, 1919. His domestic life was exceedingly happy. He married Anna Stambaugh, daughter of Captain and Margaret (Osborn) Stambaugh. Her mother was a cousin of President William McKinley and a niece of William Osborn, at one time an American consul in England.

Turhan Stacy. A life and character that deserve to be well remembered in the Mahoning Valley, particularly in the Lowellville community, are those of the late Turhan Stacy, who had more than ordinary obstacles to overcome during his career, mounted them successfully, and won the respect and admiration of a host of friends.

He was born at Lowellville, May 24, 1845, son of Thomas and Margaret (McGill) Stacy. His parents represented families among the earliest settlers in the Mahoning Valley. Part of Lowellville is built on the site of the old McGill homestead. Turhan Stacy's parents were in very modest circumstances, and he received little encouragement from home sources, and developed his career almost entirely on his own hook. He was one of the boy soldiers of the Civil war, serving nine months in the Eighty-Sixth Ohio Regiment.

He was married in 1871. Prior to that time he had worked in furnaces, and soon after his marriage he bought a farm and took his bride to an old log house. The original part of this farm contained fifty acres. His industry and good management enabled him to accumulate adjoining tracts until he had a hundred and eighty acres. He also owned a good residence at Youngstown. He built the house on the farm in 1881 and the substantial barn in 1888. On the farm which represented so much of his work and achievement he passed away June 2, 1907, at the age of sixty-two. His wife had died in 1899. He was affiliated with Tod Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Youngstown, though at the beginning had affiliated with Reno Post at Lowellville. His three sons, all living on portions of the homestead, are Lyman, Melvin and Jesse.

Concerning his personal characteristics his family recalls his habit of saving every gold piece that came into his hands. Finally he had accumulated about 300 of them, representing a great deal of money. This treasure was once lost on the farm, but was soon recovered.

Lyman Stacy, a son of Turhan, was born April 15, 1872, at his grandfather's old home, on a farm adjoining the present Stacy place. His life has been spent on the old homestead and he was educated in the country schools. He operates a farm of a hun-

David Todd

Melvin Stacy

dred and thirty-two acres, including the original homestead of fifty acres. He has taken no active part in politics.

At the age of thirty-one he married Miss Anna Liggett, a native of Poland Township and daughter of James and Isabel Liggett, now deceased. Her father was a farmer.

MELVIN STACY, who is one of the three sons of the late Turham Stacy, whose life and its achievements have been reviewed on other pages, is one of the enterprising farmers in Poland Township, his home being a mile and a half south of Lowellville and near the Pennsylvania state line.

He was born at Lowellville November 22, 1875, and grew up on his father's farm in that vicinity. He was educated in local schools, and for a year or so worked in the sheet and tin mills at Struthers.

September 17, 1899, he married Edith Carlon, daughter of William and Mary Ann (Gault) Carlon, of Lowellville. Her father came from Pennsylvania, having served as a Union soldier with a Pennsylvania regiment, and for many years worked at his trade as a carpenter at Lowellville, where he died at the age of sixty-three, his life having been shortened by reason of the hardships of his army service. Mrs. Edith Stacy was born at Lowellville February 24, 1877.

Since their marriage, a period of over twenty years, they have lived on their farm of 133 acres, originally the Robert Goucher farm. Their home is a substantial brick house that has been standing for over half a century, having been erected in 1868. Mr. Stacy was associated with his brothers in farming operations until 1910, but since then has been directing his business alone. He is one of the farmers of the Mahoning Valley who have achieved a competence from the soil. Besides his farm he owns a residence at Youngstown and other property and is a director of the Lowellville Bank. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and attends and supports the Presbyterian Church, while in politics he is a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy have one son, Emmett, born March 1, 1904.

FREDERICK C. BROWN, manager of the East Federal Street Branch of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company, is one of the sound financiers of Youngstown and a man held in high esteem by his associates. He was born in New York City on February 20, 1870, a son of Richard and Thalia (Newton) Brown. The family came to Canfield, the old county seat of Mahoning County, in 1877, and here the father died in 1887. He had been engaged in mercantile pursuits in New York City, and came to Canfield on account of failing health. His wife was a daughter of Judge Eben Newton, one of the famous oldtime jurists of Mahoning County.

Frederick C. Brown was reared on his grandfather's farm, and educated at the Northeastern Ohio Normal College, from which he was graduated in 1889. For the subsequent year he was engaged in teaching school, and then, coming to Youngstown, for two years was cashier for the Youngstown Street Railway Company. In 1896 he was elected city clerk, and served as such until 1900, resigning that office to accept the position of bookkeeper of the Wick National Bank. When this bank was merged into the Dollar Savings & Trust Company Mr. Brown became a teller in the new concern. In June, 1908, he was appointed manager of the East Federal Street Branch, and has held this position ever since. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Young Men's Christian Association. For about ten years Mr. Brown was a member of the Sinking Fund Commission of Youngstown, and as such rendered valuable service to the city. In politics he is a republican and has always been active in his party.

On June 27, 1894, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Emma Creed, a daughter of John A. Creed, of Coitsville, Ohio, and they have one living daughter, Ethel C. Mr. Brown is a man whose noble life, kindly friendship and generous impulses make him true to every duty and to all his associates. His ideals of honor are of the highest and his numerous friends feel that a man of this character is a desirable addition to any community, and a valued member of any institution.

W. WILSON GALBREATH, president of the Youngstown Pressed Steel Company, is one of the practical executives in this line of industry and is also a forceful factor in civic affairs. He was born in the Village of Darlington in Hartford County, Maryland, on December 8, 1882, a son of A. F. and Sarah (Wilson) Galbreath, who yet reside in that locality.

After attending the public schools of his native town, and being graduated from its high school course, W. Wilson Galbreath completed his educational training at Saint John's College, Annapolis, Maryland. A week after he left college he began working for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and remained with that road in different capacities for over four years. In 1907 he came to Youngstown and became a salesman for the General Fireproofing Company, and rose rapidly, becoming purchasing agent, assistant to the president, and then sales manager of that corporation. Upon the re-chartering of the Youngstown Pressed Steel Company on November 1, 1917, Mr. Galbreath was elected its president, and through his genius as an organizer he has made it one of the large corporations of this industrial district.

Mr. Galbreath was united in marriage with Miss Natalie Cole, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they have one child, William Wilson Galbreath. Ever since locating at Youngstown Mr. Galbreath has taken hold of things with a dynamic energy, and every organization with which he has become associated has felt the force of his influence. The Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, and various trade orders all have been energized by him, and so natural and spontaneous is this enthusiastic interest that he wins friends by it, instead of antagonizing his associates as some great organizers appear to do. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Although practically a recent addition to the commercial life of Youngstown, he has accomplished much in the time he has lived here, and judging the future in the light cast by past events, is likely to develop his

business and personal connections to a still greater degree.

LUCIUS E. COCHRAN, who came to Youngstown in 1862, was for half a century one of the most notable figures in the commercial life of the city and its environments. He came from a farm, entered business life without capital, and by sheer force of ability raised himself to rank among the commanding forces in industrial affairs.

He was born in Delaware County, Ohio, June 12, 1842. His grandfather, George Cochran, was a pioneer in the Western Reserve, having settled at Vienna, Ohio, in 1816. He had been a merchant in Pittsburg and continued in similar occupations in Ohio. The parents of Lucius E. Cochran were Robert and Nancy (Hummason) Cochran, who spent most of their years on a farm in Logan County. Both were members of the Christian Church, and they were the parents of four sons and three daughters.

Lucius E. Cochran supplemented his education in the district schools with a course in the Commercial College at Pittsburg, and had his first experience in a general store in that city. In 1862 he became bookkeeper for the firm of Andrews & Hitchcock at Youngstown. His industry and evident ability earned him promotion, and in 1867 he became a partner in the mercantile firm of Andrews Brothers & Company at Haselton, a suburb of Youngstown. In 1890 Andrews Brothers & Company was formed by the consolidation of The Niles Iron Company and Andrews Brothers. It continued under his management until 1892, when the corporation was formed known as The Andrews Brothers Company of which he was made president and general manager, continuing until 1899, when it was sold to the Republic Iron & Steel Company.

From the date of his coming to Youngstown until his death Lucius E. Cochran extended a more than average influence upon local affairs. Nearly all the big industries that have made Youngstown notable among Ohio cities bore the impress of his energies. He was president of the Youngstown Car Manufacturing Company, Youngstown Bridge Company, Youngstown Iron and Steel Roofing Company, Youngstown Pressed Steel Company, the Mahoning Motor Car Company, the G. M. McKelvey Company, the Edwin Bell Company, and the Mahoning Valley Water Company; was vice president of the Commercial National Bank and the Morris Hardware Company, and was a director of the Youngstown Carriage and Wagon Company, the Ohio Steel Company, which he helped organize, and the Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Company. He was a keen, capable business man, and in his success his personal integrity was unimpaired.

In 1868 he married Mary Isabella Brownlee, daughter of John and Leah (Powers) Brownlee. They were the parents of two sons, Robert B., who died at the age of thirty-two, and Chauncey A. Lucius E. Cochran was an unswerving republican in politics, and during his residence at Haselton in 1872 he was appointed by John A. J. Creswell, postmaster general of the United States, at a salary of $12 a year, postmaster of Haselton, Mahoning County, Ohio. Mr. Cochran in no way wanted this office but was appointed so he could appoint one William Campbell as assistant. Mr. Campbell being an old veteran of the Civil war and incapacitated for work Mr. Cochran took this means of giving Mr. Campbell employment, which office he held for many years. He was a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, and was a Knight Templar Mason and also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

His son, Chauncey A. Cochran, was for a number of years actively associated with his father in business and is a Youngstown citizen whose activities are still a vital factor in the community. He was educated in the public schools of Youngstown, attended a military academy in New York, and has had an active business career of more than a quarter of a century. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, a republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic Order and various social clubs.

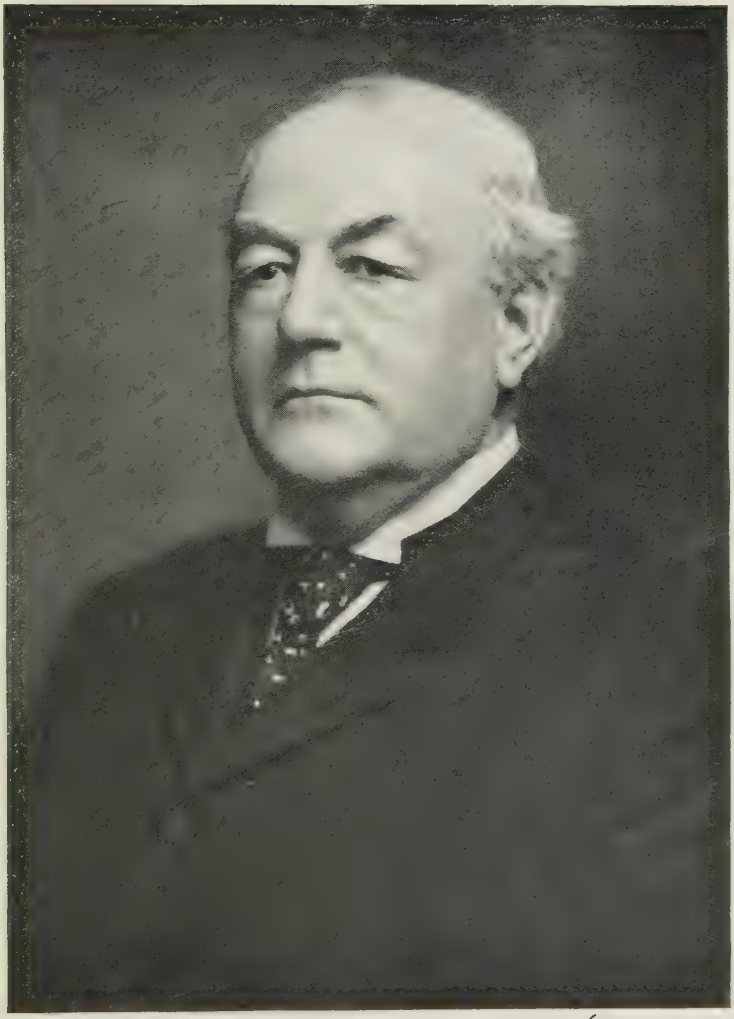
He married Miss Sarah E. Davis, daughter of Hon. John R. and Maria S. (Richards) Davis. Her father was a prominent man in Mahoning County, having represented his district in the State Legislature, was a soldier in the Civil war, afterward became a merchant at Youngstown and enjoyed a number of honors in official affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey A. Cochran have two children: Lucius D. and Esther Marie.

JOHN KIRBY, for sixty-two years a resident of Youngstown, and now general superintendent of the William B. Pollock Company, is a son of William and Catherine (O'Donnell) Kirby, and a grandson of Andrew Kirby. Andrew Kirby was a native of the town of Cashel in the county of Tipperary, Ireland, where he grew up and became a schoolmaster. His wife was an Adams, a daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman, and in 1845 they immigrated to the United States, locating first at Niagara Falls, New York, and there and later at Dunkirk, New York, Andrew Kirby manufactured and sold sun dials. He was later employed as a surveyor in the building of the Grand Trunk Railroad in Canada, and still later became boss on a construction train. He died in New York City in 1872.

William Kirby began working at an early age for a railroad, continuing in that line of endeavor for two years. In 1858 he came to Youngstown and was keeper for the Himrod Furnace Company from 1860 until the furnace was closed. He then retired, and died in 1896. He and his wife had eleven children, but only three of them are now living.

John Kirby was born on March 2, 1856, at Toronto, Canada, where his parents were then temporarily located. Although of foreign nativity, actually, he has never known other allegiance than to the United States. He grew up at Youngstown and attended the public schools on Wood and Front streets. When about fourteen years of age he began working in the rolling mills, and a year later, when fifteen, he entered the employ of the William B. Pollock Company, and has ever since continued in its employ. He has seen from practical observation the kaleidoscopic changes which have taken place in the

Chauncey A Cochran



Lucius E. Pochran

growth and development of the iron industry of the Youngstown district, and also those which have changed Youngstown from a small, inconsequential village to one of the modern, industrial, populous cities of the country. He served for three years as an apprentice in learning his trade of boiler maker, then worked as a journeyman for several years, and since then has been boss, assistant superintendent and general superintendent, the last named position being the one he holds at present. Few men in Youngstown know the history of the iron industry better than he, and no one is more thoroughly the master of his business. He has never taken any active interest in politics or other public matters except those which directly apply to his business. In religion he is a Roman Catholic.

John Kirby was married first, in 1878, to Martha Middleton, who died in 1884, leaving two sons, namely: Frank J., who is general shipper and yardmaster for the William B. Pollock Company; and William Ralph, who is a partner and general superintendent of the Youngstown Boiler & Tank Company. The second wife of Mr. Kirby bore the maiden name of Katherine Healey, and she has borne him eight children, namely: John H., Jane H., Katherine E., deceased, Eugene Porter, Mary G., Ignatius Andrew, Cecelia D., and Ella May, deceased.

Walter E. Watson, assistant general manager of the sales department of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, is a man of strong will and resourcefulness, whose technical experience and business ability admirably fit him for the responsibilities of his position. He was born at Middletown, Pennsylvania, and remained there until he was about eighteen years of age.

In 1897 Mr. Watson was graduated from the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Shippenburg, and then entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he spent two years with the expectation of becoming a lawyer. In order to secure funds for his courses he had taught school, and for two years of this period he was instructor in the high school of Morrisville, Pennsylvania. In spite of the plans he had made, however, he altered them definitely in a few moments when he was offered a position in the sales office of the National Tube Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1900, and accepted this offer. For the subsequent ten years he remained with this corporation, and then left it to become assistant general manager of sales for the La Belle Iron Works at Steubenville, Ohio, remaining there until 1913, when he came to Youngstown to assume the duties of his present position. In addition to it he is vice president and a director of the Youngstown Steel Products Company, and a director of the Continental Supply Company, both subsidiary companies of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. He belongs to the American Steel and Iron Institute, the Natural Gas Association of America, and the Chamber of Commerce of Youngstown. Socially Mr. Watson is a member of the Youngstown Club, and the Youngstown Country Club, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Oakmont Country Club and the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. For a number of years he has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Watson is a stanch republican.

Mr. Watson married Caroline Wick, a daughter of Henry Herr, of Alliance, Ohio, and widow of Charles J. Wick, of Youngstown, Ohio.

John N. Reese, assistant to the second vice president in charge of the northern ore and coal mines of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, is a man whose rise in the confidence of his company and his fellow citizens is not only deserved but recognized, and he is numbered among the worth-while residents of Youngstown. He was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on October 16, 1877, a son of John M. and Caroline W. (Peters) Reese. John M. Reese was a native of Pennsylvania, of Welsh parentage, and for years was a railroad engineer, whose death occurred on July 22, 1919. During the war between the states he served as a private in the Union army. Mrs. Reese was born in Germany, and her death occurred on February 10, 1917.

John N. Reese attended the public schools of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, after which he matriculated at Lehigh University, from which he was graduated in 1900, with the degree of Civil Engineer, and while securing it he also specialized in mining. He then entered the students' course of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and became assistant superintendent of the blast furnace department in 1902, and the following year was promoted to be its superintendent. In 1906 Mr. Reese was made superintendent of the blast furnaces for the Pulaski Iron Company of Pulaski, Virginia, and in 1907 went to the Alabama Consolidated Coal & Iron Company at Gadsden, Alabama, as superintendent of blast furnaces. The next year Mr. Reese was made superintendent of blast furnaces, ore mines and limestone quarries for the Ivanhoe Furnace Company of Ivanhoe, Virginia, and then in 1908 he went with the Pennsylvania Steel Company as superintendent of the blast furnaces at Steelton, Pennsylvania. On September 20, 1911, Mr. Reese came to Youngstown as superintendent of the northern furnaces of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and on April 1, 1917, was promoted to his present position.

On February 14, 1905, Mr. Reese was united in marriage with V. Claire Knouse, a daughter of J. H. Knouse, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and they have three children, Evelyn Gertrude, Carolyn Ellen and John N., Jr. Mr. Reese belongs to Youngstown Club, the Engineers Society of Youngstown, Chamber of Commerce, and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. The American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Iron & Steel Institute and the Rotary Club also hold his membership, and he is past president of the latter organization. During the late war he was very active in war work, belonging to the different committees of the various organizations and the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member, and he held the rank of captain and quartermaster of the Youngstown Home Guards. Since casting his first vote Mr. Reese has been a republican. Carefully trained in both theory and practice, he is one of the most experienced men in his profession, and the service he

is rendering his corporation is of such a nature as to recommend him to further promotions as the years pass and the vacancies occur.

F. K. Smith, M. D. The late Edward Augustus Smith was at the time of his death Warren's oldest merchant. It is probable that he was Ohio's oldest pharmacist.

The American ancestor of this branch of the Smith family was Richard Smith, who came from Lancastershire, England, settling first in Massachusetts colony and removing in 1639 to Long Island, New York, where he purchased land in Suffolk County, and there founded Smithtown. John C. Smith, father of Edward A. and a direct descendent from Richard, was born September 24, 1798, in New York City. He died there July 23, 1859. He was an early merchant and postmaster at Jamaica, Long Island, and he later served two terms as county clerk of Queens County, New York.

John S. Smith married Lucy Ann Hoyt, who was born at Danbury, Connecticut, October 16, 1805, and died the same month and day in 1872, her sixty-seventh birthday anniversary. She was the daughter of Lewis Hoyt, who was born at Danbury in 1782, a son of Asa Hoyt, who in turn was descended from Simon Hoyt, the American ancestor who came over from Somersetshire, England, to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1629, and settled at Windsor, Connecticut, in 1840, afterward settling permanently in Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Lewis Hoyt married on Sunday, September 23, 1804, Abigail Mygatt, who was born in 1785 in Connecticut. She was a daughter of Comfort Starr Mygatt, who brought his family from Connecticut to Canfield, Trumbull County (later the first county seat of Mahoning County), in 1808. With the Mygatts came Lewis Hoyt and his family.

Edward Augustus Smith was born at Jamaica, Long Island, July 21, 1827, and he died April 1, 1919, at Warren. When he was a boy seventeen years old he went to New York City to clerk in a dry goods store. In 1846 he came to Warren to take a position as clerk in the store of his uncles, the Hoyt Brothers, general merchants. He soon became manager of the drug department of that store, which had become more or less independent of the general store operated by the company. Eventually the firm became Hoyt, Smith & Company, later E. A. Smith & Company, and January 1, 1860, it became Smith, Stratton & Company.

In April, 1860, the store of Smith, Stratton & Company was destroyed in Warren's historic fire, and Mr. Smith moved into a rented store room on East Market Street, where he continued business until the construction of his own brick business block on East Market Street, erected on a lot which he had purchased in 1866. From that time until his death he conducted a drug business there. For many years he was a director in the First National Bank of Warren, now the Union Savings and Trust Company. He had many other business interests both at home and abroad, and he was always prominent in the affairs of the community.

Soon after coming to Warren Mr. Smith identified himself with Christ Episcopal Church, and for many years he was its oldest living member. He was an early vestryman, and in 1875 he was elected senior warden, a position he held the remainder of his days. His family recently presented Christ Episcopal Church with a fine pipe organ as a memorial of him. For many years Mr. Smith was a member of Warren Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge.

A newspaper clipping relates: "Mr. Smith never aspired to public office, and he never held a position of trust in the community, although he was at all times interested in those things which served to build up the community and community ideals. He was privileged to see Warren grow from a hamlet of 2,000 people to a city of 30,000, and he has seen one generation after another take its place in the business community. The men who were actively engaged in the business walks of life have been succeeded by their sons and grandsons in his time.

"Mr. Smith's long years of life have indeed been a rich heritage. Ever regular in his habits, industrious, ever watchful of the little things which tend to nourish the body, are perhaps factors which have enabled Mr. Smith to enjoy so many years of usefulness. His daily attention to his business affairs has been a matter of considerable importance. It has been only in recent weeks that he has not daily visited his store.

"When the Civil war broke out Mr. Smith was just engaging in business for himself, and permitting his clerks to enter the service he himself remained here to provide for his family and to assist in aiding the cause of the North in other ways than carrying a musket. The story is told of how when John Morgan was conducting his raid through Ohio, Mr. Smith hurried home to secure his shotgun, and joined the band of patriotic citizens who had gathered on the square to go out and meet Morgan if he came this way. The little band of citizens had not progressed far, however, before word was received that Morgan had been captured at Lisbon."

On May 5, 1857, Mr. Smith united in marriage with Laura G. Furman. She was born November 4, 1831, at Woodville, South Carolina. She was a daughter of Wood and Laura M. (Lyon) Furman. Wood Furman was born June 12, 1779, in South Carolina. He was a son of the Rev. Richard Furman, a native of Esopus, New York, and was descended from Josiah Furman, an early settler of Long Island, who in turn was descended from John Furman, the American ancestor of the family who came over from England and settled permanently on Long Island. Rev. Richard Furman was for many years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, South Carolina, and he was for a long time president of the National Baptist Convention. Laura Lyon was the daughter of James and the granddaughter of Mathew Lyon, who settled in Vermont prior to the Revolutionary war.

Mathew Lyon was an early publicist, and he was the first man arrested and convicted under the Alien and Sedition Act of Congress, his offense having been a published criticism of the Government. While serving his thirty days' imprisonment he was elected to Congress. After completing his term in Congress he and his son James removed to Tennessee, from which state he was again elected a member of Con-

Edward A. Smith.

Frederick K. Smith

gress. After completing his term as a member from Tennessee Mr. Lyon was appointed Indian agent for Indian Territory. He was there elected a territorial delegate to Congress, but he died before taking his seat. He was probably the only man in the history of the United States to be elected a member of Congress from three different states.

James Lyon, son of Mathew, married Phila, daughter of Richard Risley and resided in Washington City while his father was serving in Congress. One of Richard Risley's three daughters married Judge Pease of Warren, and it was while visiting her Warren relatives that Mrs. Smith met her future husband. She survives. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith are as follows: Dr. Frederick K., of Warren; Edward S., of Warren; Mrs. James Brown, of Warren; Mary A., of Warren; Cornelia G., of Warren. The last mentioned was for many years secretary and librarian of the Warren Public Library.

Frederick Kinsman Smith, M. D., son of the late Edward A. Smith, was born in Warren, Ohio, April 4, 1858, the date having fallen on Easter Sunday. He attended the Warren graded and high schools, and later graduated from Western Reserve College at Hudson, Ohio. He graduated in the class of 1879 at Western Reserve University, receiving his A. B. degree, and from the University of Michigan with the class of 1883, when he received the degree of M. D.

Doctor Smith entered upon the practice of medicine in 1883 in the copper region of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, remaining there until 1893. He then began practice in Cleveland, remaining there until 1898, when he began practice in Warren, continuing as an eye specialist until 1918. He then retired from active practice. Doctor Smith is past worshipful master of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, is past presiding officer of Mahoning Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, a member of Warren Council No. 58, Royal and Select Masons, of Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, of Lake Erie Consistory, Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree), and of Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland. He is a director of the Masonic Temple of Warren. He is a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church, and a member of the Country Club.

Doctor Smith married Amelia, daughter of James Rosewarne, of Copper City, Michigan. Mrs. Smith was born in England.

Ensign N. Brown, president of the Mahoning County Bar Association and former president of the Ohio State Bar Association, has been a Youngstown lawyer forty years. While a native of the old town of Canfield, he spent his early years in the East, and through his mother's family is related to some of the earliest as well as the most prominent pioneers of the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Brown was born at Canfield, December 9, 1854, son of Richard and Thalia Fitch (Newton) Brown. His grandfather, Capt. John Brown, was an officer in the British Army and participated in the Battle of Waterloo. He came to the United States about 1840 and lived at Canfield, Ohio, until his death about 1860.

Richard Brown was also a native of England, where his father for several years was a farmer. Richard had only a limited education, but gained a great amount of knowledge during his many years of practical business experience. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to a draper and dry goods merchant, spending seven years in learning the business. He acquired a metropolitan experience in London and later in Paris, and about 1844 came to the United States. For a time he gave his services to two of the greatest mercantile houses of New York City, Lord & Taylor and A. T. Stewart. Subsequently he engaged independently in merchandising in New York, where he remained until 1877. His health having become impaired, in that year he returned to Canfield, Ohio, where he had found his wife, and he died at Canfield in 1888, at the age of seventy-one.

Comparatively few people know that one of the founders of the now world-wide institution of the Young Men's Christian Association at one time lived in Mahoning County. Mr. Brown, while in London, was associated with George Williams in organizing the first Young Men's Christian Association in the world in that city. Later Williams was knighted by Queen Victoria. After coming to the United States Richard Brown and others organized in New York City the first Young Men's Christian Association in this country and served as its first treasurer.

Thalia Fitch Newton, wife of Richard Brown and mother of the Youngstown lawyer, was a daughter of Judge Eben Newton. Judge Eben Newton was one of the really distinguished lawyers, jurists and public leaders in Ohio during the first half of the nineteenth century. Born in Connecticut in 1795, he first came to Ohio about 1814, read law at Ravenna, and was admitted to the bar at Warren in 1823. For twenty years he was a partner of Elisha Whittlesey, long a member of Congress and at one time Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States. For a short time Judge Newton was in practice at Cincinnati, with Rutherford B. Hayes, afterward president of the United States, as partner. He was elected to the State Senate in 1840, resigning to take the office of president judge of the Third Judicial District. While in that office he had the distinction of holding the first session of the Common Pleas Court in the newly created Mahoning County in 1846. In 1850 he was elected to Congress, and during the Civil war was again a member of the State Senate. He was also president of two railroad lines in Northeastern Ohio, was prominent in agricultural circles, and helped train a number of young men for the law, including the great Ohioans Ben F. Wade, Joshua R. Giddings and others. Judge Newton married Mary S. Church, a daughter of Ensign Church.

Ensign N. Brown was reared in New York City, where he was educated in private schools. He had for his teachers two noted educators, Dr. George P. Quackenbos and Dr. Henry B. Chapin. Under the latter he was prepared for college, but failing eyesight compelled him to abandon his college career. For a number of years he was associated with his

father at New York in the business of importing laces and embroideries.

Mr. Brown returned to Mahoning County in 1878 for the purpose of looking after the property of Judge Newton, then in advanced years. At the request of Judge Newton he took up the study of law, finishing his reading with the firm of Van Hyning & Johnston. He was admitted to the bar in 1880, and until his mother's death in 1889 lived at Canfield, though practicing in Youngstown. His home has been in the latter city since 1889. Of late years Mr. Brown has specialized somewhat in mechanics' liens and building contracts, though still doing a general practice. He was elected president of the State Bar Association in 1918, and was chosen president when the Mahoning County Bar Association was organized in 1919. Mr. Brown is a Royal Arch Mason and a republican.

September 20, 1876, he married Miss Jeannette Cooper, a daughter of John Cooper, a New York City merchant. They have two children, Genevieve Newton and Bessie Hunt. The family are members of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Brown has long been prominent not only in St. John's parish at Youngstown but in the diocese. He is present junior warden of the parish, and for twenty-five years has been delegate from the parish to the Ohio diocese. Since 1910 he has represented the diocese in four general conventions of the church. For years he has also been a member of the Committee of Canons of the diocese and a member of the Committee of Canons of the General Church, and for ten years has been one of the standing committee of the diocese. In the spring of 1920, the former chancellor having died, Mr. Brown was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Ohio and is now acting as such.

Jacob Hyde Ewalt. As a banker and manufacturer Mr. Ewalt has had a dignified and useful career in Warren for over thirty years, and in that time has impressed his influence and enterprise upon several well known institutions.

He is a native of the Mahoning Valley and descended from two pioneer families, the Ewalts and the Leffingwells. The Ewalts settled originally in Howland Township of Trumbull County. The pioneer was John Ewalt, who took up a tract of Government land in that township about 1805. His son Jacob was born on the homestead in Howland Township in 1810, and lived eight decades, dying in 1890. He married in 1835 Lydia Maria Leffingwell, who died in 1889. Her parents came from Connecticut at an early day and settled in Warren Township. A collateral connection of the Leffingwells were the Hyde family of Hyde Park, London, England.

Jacob Hyde Ewalt was born at the Ewalt farm in Bazetta Township about four miles from the City of Warren November 12, 1856. He has always regarded it as his good fortune that his early life was spent in the country. He attended district school to the age of fifteen, and finished his education in the city schools of Warren. In 1877 Mr. Ewalt became a clerk in the old drug store of Col. H. G. Stratton at Warren, and after eight years left Colonel Stratton to become bookkeeper and shipping clerk for the Winfield Manufacturing Company. He has been one of the men who have developed that notable Warren industry, and in 1904 was made treasurer of the company and since 1917 has filled the offices of secretary and treasurer.

As a banker Mr. Ewalt was one of the organizers in 1889 of what is now the Trumbull Savings and Loan Company. He has served as vice president since 1909 and also as a director. He is a director in the Western Reserve Furniture Company, in the Enterprise Electric Company, and the People's Ice and Cold Storage Company.

For the last twenty-five years Mr. Ewalt has been financial secretary of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade. Mr. Ewalt married Florence Taylor, daughter of the late Mathew B. and Adaline (Hapgood) Taylor. Her father was for many years cashier of the old First National Bank of Warren. Mrs. Ewalt died in 1899, the mother of one son and one daughter. The son, Jacob H., Jr., now secretary of the Gilder-Augstadt Coal and Supply Company, married May Holloway, of Warren, and they have a son, Richard Holloway, and a daughter, Jean. Charlotte Taylor Ewalt became the wife of Peter Webb Elliott, of Warren, and they had a daughter, Florence Ellen. Mr. Elliott died in 1916. On June 6, 1904, Mr. Ewalt was married to Ella Van Gorder (Ford) McWilliams, of Ashtabula, Ohio, and to this marriage one daughter has been born, Laura Ford Ewalt.

John G. Cooper. The high traditions for public service which have been created for Northeastern Ohio as the result of the life and works of Joshua R. Giddings, Benjamin Wade, James R. Garfield, William McKinley and others elected by the people of this part of the state to represent them in Washington, have been maintained by John G. Cooper, congressman for the Nineteenth Ohio District, which is composed of Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties.

John G. Cooper began life with few of the advantages which his illustrious predecessors enjoyed, but by hard work, clear understanding of the needs and desires of the people and unswerving courage and determination to stand for what he believed to be right, Congressman Cooper has earned a nation-wide reputation. Mr. Cooper was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1872, and came to the United States with his parents when only eight years old. The Cooper family settled in the Mahoning Valley of Ohio at a time when its possibilities as an industrial and manufacturing district first began to be appreciated.

John Cooper's school days ended when he was thirteen, at which early period of his life he went to work in the iron mills to help earn the daily bread for the family. A few years later he obtained a position as locomotive fireman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was promoted to engineer, in which occupation he was engaged when he became interested in politics. The young man observed what the republican protective tariff and economic policies did for the development and prosperity of his home community and became a repub-

lican. In 1910 he was nominated and elected to represent Mahoning County in the Ohio General Assembly, and was re-elected by an increased vote in 1912. His service in the State Legislature was so satisfactory that he was chosen as the republican candidate for Congress in the Nineteenth District in 1914 and elected easily. Mr. Cooper was re-elected in 1916, 1918 and 1920.

Congressman Cooper is a member of the important committee on interstate and foreign commerce of the House of Representatives. He was the first locomotive engineer or practical railroad worker ever elected to Congress, and his views on practical railroad and labor questions are very highly regarded by his colleagues in Congress. His firm stand in Congress against radicalism in the labor movement during the period of unrest which followed the war with Germany attracted wide attention and is believed to have been a strong factor in bringing about a satisfactory adjustment of labor troubles. Mr. Cooper's home is in Youngstown. He is married and has five sons.

JOHN JAMES MURRAY. In the many years that he traveled, John James Murray was known from coast to coast as an actor-manager, and his name has a high rank in the realm of minstrelsy, vaudeville and comedy. At Warren, where he has had his home for a number of years, Mr. Murray has also been prominent as a theatrical manager, and his name is also closely linked with other business and civic interests.

He was born in the City of Chicago April 7, 1867, son of James and Ann (Dempsey) Murray. His parents were natives of Ireland, and both died when the son was a boy. Since he was eleven years of age John James Murray has made his own way in the world. While acquiring a limited education in the parochial schools of Chicago, he sold newspapers on the streets and did other work. In 1881, at the age of fourteen, he first entered the amusement field, and for thirty-five years was active and successful in all the different lines of the show business, including the circus, minstrel, comedy and vaudeville, both as an entertainer and manager. He and his companies played in all the high class houses of the East and Middle West. In 1900 Mr. Murray and Frank Mackey organized the firm of Murray & Mackey, and for several years owned and operated the largest popular priced shows on the road. Their show was a prominent feature at Warren during the Trumbull County Fair for many years. Mr. Murray leased the Warren Opera House in 1908 and produced all the high class attractions until 1917, since which time the operahouse has been devoted exclusively to moving pictures. In this field, largely due to the influence of Mr. Murray, only the finest film features have been presented to the people of Warren.

Mr. Murray is one of the most enthusiastic believers in the great future of Warren as an industrial and home center. He has associated himself with many of its enterprises, being a director in the People's Savings & Trust Company, a director in the Reserve Realty & Mortgage Company, a director in the Sunlight Electric Company, and a stockholder in other concerns.

During the war he turned over his personal talents and his resources to patriotic service and was active in the Liberty Bond, Red Cross and War Chest campaigns, and was chairman of the Trumbull County Labor Board. He is a charter member and director of the Rotary Club and the Buckeye Club and has been a member of the Order of Elks for thirty years, holding his membership in Elmira Lodge No. 62. He is also a member of the Warren Board of Trade.

November 26, 1887, Mr. Murray married Miss Florence Louise Long, a native of Cincinnati and daughter of Louis and Catherine (Madenbach) Long. Mr. and Mrs. Murray had three children, but the first two, Robert James and Florence, are deceased. The only living daughter, Margaret Florence, is now a student of the Ladies of Loretto Convent at Niagara Falls, Canada.

BERNARD MCMANUS. Out of a hard apprenticeship, early contact with work at meagre wages, and with the ripe experience and broader vision of his later years, Bernard McManus has come to that higher plane of business affairs where he is head of one of the best mercantile organizations in Youngstown, the B. McManus Company, known as "Youngstown's Greater Store for Women."

Mr. McManus was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1877, son of Thomas and Mary (MacManus) McManus. His father, now deceased, was also a native of County Cavan, for many years was a successful teacher, and he died at the age of eighty-eight on April 22, 1920. His wife, Mary MacManus, as the name indicated, was of Scotch ancestry, born in Scotland, and died in 1884.

Bernard McManus, one of six children, attended school at home and was eighteen years of age when he came to the United States. His first home was in St. Joseph, Missouri. The means of earning a living for several months was selling the St. Joseph Gazette on the streets of that western city. At the same time he was diligently pursuing his studies in night school. After six months as a newsboy he entered the service of the Combe Printing Company of St. Joseph, at that time one of the largest printing establishments in the Missouri Valley. He continued his work in night school, and after about a year he and his brother, Thomas H., went to Newton, Kansas, and with a modest capital opened a stock of general merchandise. They were merchants in Kansas for fifteen years, and built up a large and flourishing business.

On leaving Kansas Mr. McManus started East, his contemplated destination being New York City. He stopped to visit at Cleveland, and his visit was turned into a stay of several years, during which time he had a profitable connection with The H. Black Company. At the same time he was making a thorough study of commercial conditions, and eventually his judgment led him to locate at Youngstown.

Mr. McManus came to Youngstown nine years ago and began business as a merchant on East Federal Street, subsequently moving to West Federal Street, and three years ago into the five-story building which the B. McManus Company now occupies, each floor devoted to a special department. Judicious

women shoppers all over Eastern Ohio know the McManus store. The spirit of the business is well described in the following words: "To make this exclusively and increasingly a store for women, where women will come intuitively for every article of ready-to-wear clothing they desire, is our reason for existence. To make our merchandise so good, so comprehensive, so satisfactory and to give the kind of courtesy and attention in service to which a woman feels entitled, is the inspiration we cherish. We call our store 'greater' not because of material bigness, but because of this all-inclusive idea actuating it, in the development of which we find our daily pleasure."

Customers also frequently see posted in different parts of the store the following notice: "Employes Attention: Our reputation with the people of Youngstown is in your hands. See that it is protected."

Mr. McManus is president of the company and is active manager, and is also the source of inspiration for the ideals and the spirit of service permeating the business. Mr. McManus is also vice president of the Moore-Lamb Construction Company. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Poland Country Club, is a Knight of Columbus and with his family worships in St. Edward's Catholic Church. During the war he was liberal with his time and means in behalf of the various campaigns, and has been equally public spirited in promoting everything of benefit to Youngstown.

Just before going into business at Youngstown Mr. McManus married Miss Lena Madden, daughter of E. J. and Margaret Madden of Youngstown. They have three sons, Bernard, Jr., Edward and Thomas.

Washington Hyde, attorney and capitalist, is one of the leading men of Warren and the Mahoning Valley, and his counsel is sought on many matters of public interest as well as those connected with his profession. He was born on the farm owned by his parents at Farmington, Trumbull County, Ohio, May 7, 1847. His father, Julius E. Hyde, was also born on this farm, in 1825, he being a son of Eli Hyde, a native of New York State, of Yankee stock, who came to East Farmington, Trumbull County, Ohio, about 1818, and was one of the pioneers of that section of Trumbull County. He married Hannah Porter, a native of New York State, and a daughter of a Revolutionary war soldier. They were married in New York State at an early age and came soon afterward to Trumbull County, making the journey in an ox-cart.

The mother of Washington Hyde was Ann Oatley, and she was born in Bazetta Township, Trumbull County, in 1824, a daughter of William and Sophia Oatley, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, her father having been a pioneer of Bazetta Township, he settling on a farm there about 1815.

Julius Hyde was a successful farmer and dairyman and was noted as a cheese maker. He died in 1898, his wife passing away in 1891. Earnest Christian people, they maintained membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were very active in its good work.

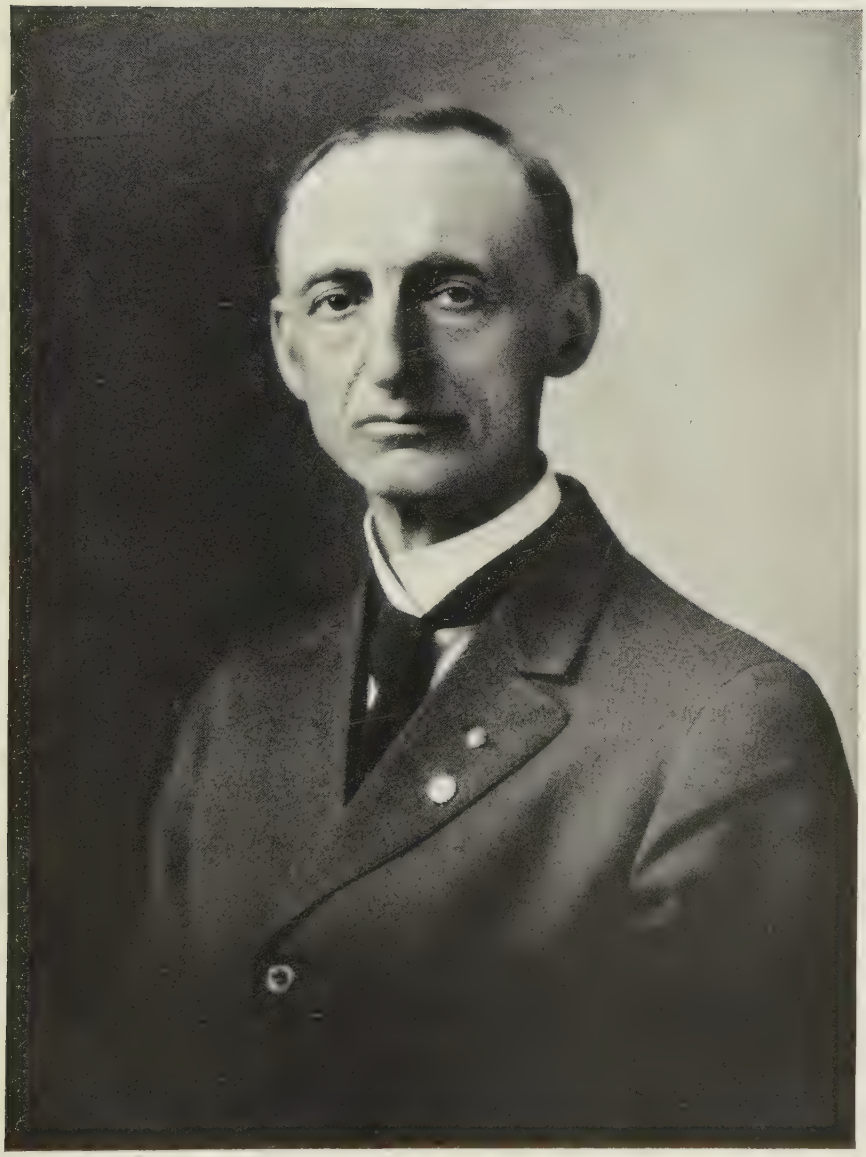
Washington Hyde was reared on the farm, attended the old Western Reserve Seminary at West Farmington, Ohio, and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1870, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from the legal department in 1872, with the degree of Doctor of Laws. He was a classmate all through college with Judge William R. Day, of the United States Supreme Court, with whom he was also admitted to the bar in 1872, before the District Court at Ashland, Ohio.

Entering upon the practice of law at Warren in 1872 Mr. Hyde has continued in it. He served from 1880 to 1885, inclusive, as prosecuting attorney of Trumbull County, and was for many years active in republican politics. Mr. Hyde has other interests, having in 1898 been one of the organizers and incorporators of the Warren & Niles Telephone Company, of which he is president and treasurer and a director. This is now a $500,000 company, and is the only one now doing business in Warren in giving a telephone service, having bought out the Bell Telephone Company. He also organized and incorporated the King Furniture Manufacturing Company of Warren, of which he is president and treasurer, and he is also president and a director of the Warren Rubber Company of Warren.

Mr. Hyde was married in 1876 to Laura E. Tibbitts, of an old family, her mother having been a daughter of a brother of Moses Cleveland, the "father" of the City of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Hyde died in 1890, leaving the following children: Jessie A., George C. and Charles W. In 1893 Mr. Hyde was married to Victoria Pinkard, who was born in Warren, and to them have been born the following children: Edward L., who is now a law student at the Ohio Northern University, is a veteran of the great war, having spent nine months in France with the One Hundred and Eighth Ammunition Train, American Expeditionary Forces; Lillian O., who is at home; and Clarence A., who was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, was killed in active service in the Argonne drive just before the signing of the Armistice. He was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Regiment.

Mr. Hyde is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, and Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar. The Warren Board of Trade holds his membership, and he is active in its operations. Professionally he belongs to the Trumbull County Bar Association and for five years was a member of its bar committee. For some years Mr. Hyde has been a member of the Youngstown Unitarian Church. A man of the highest standing in both professional and business circles, Mr. Hyde is admittedly one of the representative men of this section of the state, and a citizen who reflects honor and dignity upon his community and calling.

Frank C. Van Wye, who is carrying forward successful operations on the John Anderson farm in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, one mile west of the City of Niles, is a native of this township and a representative of a family whose name has been worthily linked with the history of Trumbull County for nearly a century. He was born on



Washington Hyde

the old pioneer homestead farm of his grandfather, Abram Van Wye, in Weathersfield Township December 2, 1849, and is a son of John and Adaline (Carlton) Van Wye, the former having been born in Pennsylvania and the latter having been a daughter of Peter Carlton, a pioneer settler at Girard, this county. Abram and Charity (Laird) Van Wye, grandparents of Frank C., were born and reared in Washington County, Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized and where seven of their children were born, the Van Wye family, of Holland Dutch origin, having been founded in the Keystone state prior to the war of the Revolution, and the lineage of the Laird family tracing back to Scotch origin. In 1834 Abram Van Wye came with his family to Trumbull County and located in the midst of the forest in Weathersfield Township, where he obtained a goodly tract of land and reclaimed a productive farm along the Mahoning River. He died in his fifty-eighth year, and his wife passed away at the age of sixty years. Their children were Charles, John, Lydia (Mrs. Hiram Dunlap), Mary Jane (Mrs. John A. Hunter), Nancy (Mrs. Theodore DeForest), Catherine (died in childhood), Amanda (likewise died in childhood), William (killed at Ringgold, Georgia, while serving in the Civil war), Joseph W. (individually mentioned on other pages, where also is found further record concerning the family history), Darthula (Mrs. Charles P. Moore, of Bristolville, Trumbull County), Elmira (died at the age of twenty-two years); and Sabina (Mrs. Thomas Radcliffe, died at Warren, in 1919).

John Van Wye, after the death of his father, continued to be associated with his brothers in the management of the old home farm until 1863, when he sold his interest in that place and removed to Howland Township, where he purchased a farm that is now occupied by the Trumbull Steel Company and the Brier Hill Steel Company. There he owned more than 200 acres, the land extending to the Mahoning River. Not only the old canal, but also the first railroad in the county traversed this farm, and eventually Mr. Van Wye sold the right-of-way for five different lines of railroad which crossed his property. When the final sale of his old farm was made to the Trumbull Steel Company the tract still comprised about 200 acres. Here John Van Wye died at the venerable age of eighty-six years, his wife having passed away at the age of seventy years, their names meriting place on the roster of the honored pioneers of the county. Of their children the subject of this review is the eldest; Mary is the wife of Reuben Templeton, of Braceville, this county; Lois is the widow of William S. Campbell and resides at Cambridge, Guernsey County, her husband having been a son of Rev. William Campbell, a pioneer Presbyterian clergyman; Florence died in childhood; Olive is the wife of William Bolin, of Warren; Homer W. died in August, 1919, aged sixty years, he having been engaged in the livery business at Warren; John E., who was long in service as a railroad engineer on the Pennsylvania Lines, was a resident of Niles at the time of his death, in March, 1916; Gerry P., a patent attorney, is engaged in the practice of his profession in New York City; Benjamin C., a graduate of Harvard University, is now a member of the faculty of a college in the City of Cincinnati, he having previously been a teacher in the City of Boston, where his marriage occurred; and Lucy is the wife of William Brown, station agent for the New York Central Railroad at Hubbard, Trumbull County.

Frank C. Van Wye gained his early education in the common schools and remained at the parental home until he was twenty-four years old, when he married and established his home on the Isaac Troxell farm, which property he purchased and which adjoined his father's farm. He had ninety-three acres, but the area of the place was somewhat reduced when he sold a railroad right-of-way through the farm. He added to the original farm until he had 103 acres, and in 1916 he sold the entire property to the Briar Hill Steel Company as a site for its manufacturing plant. For eight years Mr. Van Wye served as a member of the Board of Directors of the County Infirmary, and he also gave effective service as trustee of his school district, his political allegiance being rendered to the republican party. After selling his old farm Mr. Van Wye finally purchased his present well improved place of forty-one acres, which extends across the former bed of the Mahoning River, the four-mile locks on the old canal having been on this farm, which was held for generations by the Anderson family. Of this property Mr. Van Wye sold twenty-seven acres to the Falcon Steel Company, whose mill has been erected here. Mr. Van Wye is living virtually retired, but takes satisfaction in giving a general supervision to the work of his attractive little farm, his entire life having been marked by close association with agricultural enterprise in his native county, where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been liberal in support of religious work. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

September 10, 1874, recorded the marriage of Mr. Van Wye to Miss Celestia A. Pearce, daughter of Newcomb and Mary (McConnell) Pearce, she having been born on the old homestead of her maternal grandfather in North Jackson Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Wye have been born four children: Thaddeus I. and Mabel remain at the parental home; Mary is the widow of Charles Lodwick and resides at Niles; and Frank, a lawyer and civil engineer, is in the employ of the City of Cleveland in a professional way. After his graduation from the high school he completed a course in the law department of the University of Michigan and was admitted to the bar, he having been, as a civil engineer, employed for some time in government work with the Mississippi commission. December 2, 1919, on the seventieth anniversary of his father's birth, Frank Van Wye was united in marriage to Miss Jean Mahaffey, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Robert L. McCorkle since leaving school and taking upon himself the responsibilities of life has given all his time and energies to financial institutions in Niles, and has been actively identified with the Niles Trust Company since it was organized.

Mr. McCorkle was born at Lordstown in Trumbull

County June 8, 1878, son of Almon G. and Martha (Leitch) McCorkle. Family sketch appears elsewhere. His mother was a native of Ireland. The McCorkle family is an old and honored one in Trumbull County. It is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. When the Mahoning Valley was a wilderness Robert L. McCorkle, great-grandfather of the Niles banker, came here and employed his energies in developing a homestead. The family occupation as a rule has been farming. Almon G. McCorkle is still living at Lordstown, and all his five children are alive.

Robert L. McCorkle grew up in his native village, attended the public schools, the Warren High School, and at the age of nineteen became a messenger in the old City National Bank at Niles. Later he was made bookkeeper and teller. When that bank was consolidated with the First National he continued as teller in the new organization, and later assisted C. P. Wilson in winding up the affairs of the First National Bank.

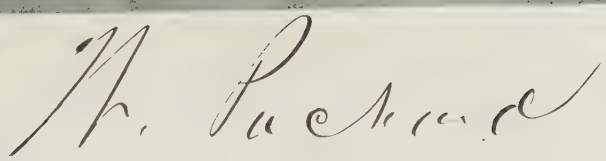
The Niles Trust Company was organized in 1909, and since it opened its doors Mr. McCorkle has been treasurer. He has a number of other business interests at Niles. He is a republican in politics, is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Niles Club. May 1, 1902, he married Miss Anna Eaton, daughter of John W. Eaton. They have one son, John Almon.

The Packard Family of Warren has for three-quarters of a century been intimately associated with the history of the City of Warren and of the Mahoning Valley. A Packard was a pioneer in the settlement of the valley; a Packard was a pioneer in the commerce of Warren; and two Packards are pioneers of industry of this city.

The pioneer settler was William Packard, who was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Washington County, that state, on September 3, 1803. He settled at Austintown (then in Trumbull County), in 1825. Late in life he removed to Kern County, California, and died at Kernville on December 11, 1877, after having served for several years as judge of Kern County. The pioneer in the commercial history of Warren was the late Warren Packard, son of William. He was born at Austinburg (then Trumbull County) on June 1, 1828, and died at Warren on July 28, 1897. The pioneers of industry of Warren are William D. and James W. Packard.

Warren Packard was without doubt one of the towering figures in the earlier history of Warren. While the Mexican war was still in progress he left the old farm at Lordstown, an ambitious and energetic lad of eighteen years, to seek his fortune at the county seat of old Trumbull. All of his earthly possessions were literally contained in the proverbial cotton handkerchief as he trudged his way into town. Through the influence of his brother-in-law, the late Eli K. Weisell, he obtained a situation with Milton Graham, then operating the pioneer iron store of this section. For the first year after coming to Warren he attended school during the greater portion of his time, paying his board by doing chores nights and mornings, and on Saturdays driving Mr. Graham's team to Niles and Youngstown and buying for the store iron and nails in such quantities as would about cover the sales for the ensuing week. Those were the days of small things, as compared with the magnitude of present operations His duties included taking care of the team, one or two cows, sawing stove wood for the house and shop, and at the noon hour "tending store" while the boys went to dinner. His was a long day, lasting from 5 A. M. until 9 P. M., but that tireless, restless boy maintained the same hours from 1846 until 1897. The second year with Mr. Graham, young Packard received $100, his board included, and upon that amount he could give but slight attention to dress, the boys and society in general; but that troubled him but little. Five years later Mr. Packard was the sole owner of the original Graham store, and also the hardware store started a year or two later in opposition to the Graham store by Charles Reuben Harmon. The store of Thomas H. Morely was likewise taken in by the far-reaching enterprise of Mr. Packard. Thus, in 1863, Mr. Packard found himself the owner and successful manager of the largest iron and hardware business operating between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. He pushed trade with phenomenal vigor and also marketed the bulk of the products of the Spear Planing Mill and the Packard, Hull & Company, of which he was principal owner.

In addition to the above industries Warren Packard purchased extensive timber tracts in Pennsylvania and in some of the southern states, and actively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, establishing numberless modern sawmills on his various properties. Enormous quantities of his products were used in the building of the old Atlantic and Great Western Railroad (now the great Erie system), and in later years millions of feet of his lumber products were consumed in the operation of that now famous trunk-line. Mr. Packard also had invested $100,000 in the old Packard & Barnum Steam Forge & Rolling Mills at Warren, and it was while he was the executive head of that concern that he was one day summoned to New York City by Jay Gould, the then presiding genius of the Erie Railway. At their meeting in Mr. Gould's office the "Wizard of Wall Street" informed Mr. Packard that he desired a half interest in the Packard & Barnum Steam Forge & Rolling Mills and, in return for the same he agreed that all of the scrap-iron of the Erie Railway would be exclusively sold to Mr. Packard's company, and said to Mr. Packard, "You can weigh the scrap yourself." The proposition was attractive and would no doubt have been a very profitable one, but it did not appeal to Mr. Packard, and the deal was never consummated. Mr. Packard's embarkation into the manufacture of iron was not made at a propitious time, as many of the iron mills were at that time being operated at a loss, and as a result of those conditions he lost practically the full amount of the $200,000 which he invested. During the same decade he supplied the sum of $100,000 with which the firm of W. & A. J. Packard built and stocked the "Hardware Block" at Youngstown. This business was successfully operated until the approach of the panic of 1873 brought a rapidly declining market for all metal goods, and that, together with a disastrous fire, caused a large financial loss to Mr. Packard. About 1865 Mr. Packard became the largest owner in the Austin Flagstone Company, which investment yielded



him handsome returns. During Mr. Packard's busy career he accumulated more than one fortune, for with but few exceptions all of the enterprises to which he gave his personal attention were successful; but through indorsements made for his associates he sustained losses that would have overshadowed to the grave less strong men; nor did he follow the example of many other leading men of the Mahoning Valley who, having met with reverses during the panicky days immediately preceding and following the year 1873, sought relief through the bankruptcy courts; he merely bent his energies to recuperation and to the achievement of even greater results, and again succeeded through his own efforts, settling in full all of his obligations.

In 1867 Mr. Packard made a tour of Europe with his brother John, and while in England laid a broad foundation for importing hardware direct, which branch of his business he continued with increasing profit and volume until tariff laws turned the trade to our own shores. In 1874 Mr. Packard, three brothers and others spent the winter on the Pacific coast, and while the trip was intended for recreation purposes, Mr. Packard's commercial instinct led him to improve the opportunity and secure valuable trade connections. During the last twenty years of his splendid activity Mr. Packard thoroughly enjoyed his vacations at Chautauqua Lake, where he built the first cottage at Lakewood, New York, now dotted with 300 summer homes. With associates he purchased the farm upon which this delightful little village is located, and he never ceased to boom the region.

In September, 1852, Mr. Packard was married to Sylvia Camp, a daughter of the late Alanson Camp, of Warren. They had two sons born to them, namely: Harry, who died at the age of ten months, and Rollo, who died at the age of two years. His wife passed away in December, 1856, aged twenty-three years. In November, 1860, Mr. Packard was married to Mary E. Doud, and they became the parents of five children. She was born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, and died at Warren on November 2, 1896.

Warren Packard was a man of broad vision and optimistic views, and through these characteristics he was able to carry out to magnificent completion plans others would not dare undertake. He was one who never learned that the word failure had a place in the language. When he met with reverses he faced them boldly and ofttimes turned them into success simply through his own grit and determination to "make good." The example he set and the influence he exerted are still reflected in the lives and works of not only his own sons, but those of other men who have taken up the responsibilities of the industrial and commercial life of the Mahoning Valley. To know Mr. Packard and have the privilege of associating with him was to receive a mental tonic and bracing inspiration, and there was probably no man in the Mahoning Valley who was held in higher esteem by his fellow citizens than the late Warren Packard, one of the most efficient and public-spirited business men this region has ever produced.

William Doud Packard, son of Warren and Mary E. (Doud) Packard, was born at Warren on November 3, 1861, and has practically spent his entire life in this city. He was educated in the public schools and at Ohio State University.

Early in life Mr. Packard gave evidence of having, to a marked degree, inherited his father's business genius. As a boy he and his brother James W. sold papers and established and operated a small printing office in their home, and with earnings thus accumulated paid the expenses of a visit to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. He also learned telegraphy in his youth, and in later days was given an opportunity to make practical use of that knowledge.

Immediately after leaving college Mr. Packard took a position as bookkeeper and salesman in his father's hardware store, and when the latter became agent at Warren for the American Union Telegraph Company and the U. S. Express Company, young Packard became express clerk and telegraph operator. Later he was telegraph operator and conducted a news stand at his father's hotel at Lakewood, Chautauqua Lake, New York. He still later was identified with his father in the planing-mill at Warren as junior member of the firm of W. Packard & Son.

Upon the organization of the Packard Electric Company at Warren in 1900 Mr. Packard became an executive of that concern, continuing with the company during that period while the Packard automobile was in course of development; and as manager of the sales department of the Packard Motor Car Company he developed that part of the organization to an unusual degree. Upon the sale of the company to Detroit interests, and the removal of the company to that city, Mr. Packard retired from participation in all business affairs.

In 1911 he promulgated his plans by the purchase of a tract of fifty-five acres of land on Mahoning Avenue and lying along the beautiful Mahoning River. This land he presented to the city to be used only for park purposes upon the condition that the city would undertake its development and perpetual up-keep. This latter arrangement was consummated by Mr. Packard only by the exercise of patience, perseverence and tact. The taxpayers desired Packard Park, but were loath to accept taxation for its development and up-keep, and in bringing his project to fruition Mr. Packard accomplished an undertaking second only in vital importance to the establishment of the park—an undertaking which was absolutely necessary for the establishment and maintenance of the park for the coming generations of Warren people. When the work of laying out and development of the park began Mr. Packard took charge as engineer, donating his services, and for the next three or four years he was fully and happily occupied with his work. Not being a voting citizen of Warren, Mr. Packard does not hold a place on the board of park trustees, at the same time, however, he has always, and does now, dominate the actions of the board with the full consent of all concerned.

Packard Park is the principal "show-spot" of the city and is of inestimable value to Warren, giving it

a delightful recreation spot along one of the attractive water courses of the valley. In donating the park and assisting in preparing it for public use Mr. Packard has reared a monument to himself and his family of greater actual value than the mightiest granite column ever set up to commemorate a person or an event. Not only is this park enjoyed by those now living, but it will be handed down as a priceless heritage to generations to come, who as they enjoy its many sylvan beauties will have cause to remember the founder and be grateful for his unselfish benevolence.

James Ward Packard, son of Warren and Mary E. (Doud)) Packard, was born at Warren on November 5, 1863, and was educated in the public schools and at Lehigh University and graduated with the degree of Mechanical Engineer with the class of '84.

Mr. Packard's mechanical and inventive genius, together with his capacity for close application to the object in hand, have won him national recognition as an engineer, while his work as a pioneer in the development of the automobile has gained him a world-wide fame.

After leaving college, in the summer of 1884, Mr. Packard entered the shops of the Sawyer-Mann Electric Company at New York as a "dollar-a-day" man. Subsequently he was made assistant superintendent of the plant, and so continued for a number of years. Then, in 1890, after having gained a practical knowledge of the electrical industry, Mr. Packard returned to Warren and engaged in the manufacture of incandescent lamps under the firm name of the Packard Electric Company, which concern was not only the pioneer in that line in that city, but was the direct cause for Warren becoming the center for the manufacture of electric lamps. This pioneer company was but a modest affair at its inception, for capital was scarce and local interest and support were limited. In fact, had Mr. Packard not been able to interest outside capital it is doubtful if the young company would have been able to progress very far and certainly its progress would not have been rapid, and Warren might have been deprived of one of its largest and most beneficial industries of the present day. So the successful establishment of the Packard Electric Company was really the beginning of the transformation of the City of Warren with its then population of 5,000 into the industrial center of today, with a population of 30,000.

Mr. Packard was the president, general manager and guiding genius of the Packard Electric Company, and to him was due its success, for it was he who supplied the inventive genius and mechanical skill and enlisted the financial support which made possible its success. The Packard Electric Company later sold its business to the General Electric Company, but retained its corporate name and a part of its plant. Subsequently both the name and business were sold.

Mr. Packard has always worked along the lines of both invention and the development and application of methods of inventions already on the market. He early became interested in gasoline-driven vehicles, and before any of them were on the market he had made drawings along those lines. Later he purchased one of the first American made "horseless carriages" to come on the market, and his genius recognizing the great possibilities in its crude motor, he began experimenting along the lines of invention and development, and produced a finished automobile which ultimately became the "Packard" car of today.

Upon the organization of the Packard Motor Car Company, Mr. Packard became its president and general manager. A time came in the history of the company, however, when to assure needed expansion outside capital must be secured, and Mr. Packard induced a number of capitalists of Detroit to become interested. This resulted, in 1902, in the removal of the plant to Detroit, Mr. Packard continuing as president. Later he was made chairman of the board of directors of the company, a position he held until April, 1915, when, desiring to retire from all active business affairs, he resigned, but retains his financial interest in the corporation.

Mr. Packard has maintained his summer home at Lakewood, Chautauqua Lake, New York, where he recently built a fine country residence, but still has his winter home at Warren. He belongs to the Engineers' Club of New York City, the Union Club of Cleveland, the Detroit Club of Detroit, and in point of membership is one of the oldest members of the Automobile Club of America, of New York City.

Mr. Packard was united in marriage with Elizabeth A. Gillmer, a daughter of Judge Thomas I. Gillmer of Warren. Mrs. Packard is a graduate of Vassar College.

Gerard C. Chirichigno. Identified with one of the leading industries of Mahoning County, Gerard C. Chirichigno, of Youngstown, has met with pronounced success in his career, and as general manager of the Youngstown Wire & Iron Company is a prominent factor in advancing the manufacturing interests not only of the firm by which he is employed but of the city and county. A son of Anthony and Louisa Chirichigno, he was born in 1890 in Italy. His parents came with their family to the United States many years ago, locating first in Pittsburg, 1896, but later settling in Youngstown, where the father engaged in the baking business on South Watt Street for upwards of twenty years.

A good student, anxious to learn, Gerard C. Chirichigno attended school regularly during his boyhood days, and later worked throughout his vacations in various structural iron plants. After his graduation from the Rayen High School, with the money thus earned Mr. Chirichigno entered the mechanical engineering department of the University of Pittsburg, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915, after which he was employed in the engineering department of the Carnegie Steel Plant and in the Petroleum Iron Works at Sharon, Pennsylvania, and later accepting a position with the Youngstown Wire & Iron Company he was sales manager for three years.

In 1919, when the company was reorganized, Mr. Chirichigno became a stockholder and the general manager, a position of great responsibility, which he is filling to the entire satisfaction of the firm and to its large patronage. The company, which makes a

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specialty of structural and ornamental iron works, has recently moved to more commodious quarters, being very advantageously located in the old Sennett plant at Sycamore & Andrews Avenue. Mr. Chirichigno's brother Michael, a graduate also of the Rayen High School, returned to Youngstown in the summer of 1919 from France, where he was in service during a part of the World war.

Mr. Chirichigno married June 30, 1919, Miss Angelina Parillo, of Girard, Ohio.

Rudolf C. Kurz. Practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails of success. It carries a man onward and upward, brings out his individual character and acts as a powerful stimulus to the efforts of others. The greatest results in life are often attained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance. The everyday life with its cares, necessities and duties, affords ample opportunities for acquiring experience of the best kind, and its most beaten paths provide a true worker with abundant scope for effort and progress. The record of Mr. Kurz is that of a man who by his own unaided efforts worked his way from a modest beginning to a place of affluence and influence in the business world, and today he enjoys the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens of Youngstown.

Rudolf C. Kurz was born in Prussia on February 26, 1855, the son of August and Caroline (Stark) Kurz. August Kurz was a professional soldier and was a member of the Household Guard of Emperor William I of Germany. Eventually he sold his holdings in Germany and brought his family to the United States in 1866. He at once came to Youngstown and entered the employ of Parish & Nash, cabinetmakers. He afterwards worked in George Dingledy's mill and lumber yard, which were located on Basin Street; still later he worked for Lindsay & Boardman. With the money he brought from Germany he bought a comfortable home, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1877, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow died in 1879, when sixty-eight years of age. They were members of the Lutheran Church and were held in high esteem by those who knew them. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom those living are Rudolf C., and Pauline, of this city, the widow of William Hulzwhart.

Rudolf C. Kurz attended school in Germany, completing his common school studies in the old Woods Street school in this city, doing chores at the time and attending C. H. Andrews' horse. His first employment after he left school was in the old Brown-Bonnell mill, when eleven years old, packing nails, under Ned Jones; beating nail plates, under Dick Ferguson; on rolls, under Dan Reibel, while among his other bosses were Frank Brown, Jack McDonald, Sam Fellows and Leonard Black, all of whom were well known among the iron men of that day. After four years in the iron mill Mr. Kurz applied himself to learn the blacksmith and wagonmaking trade with Siegfried & Lemley, their shop standing on the present site of Deibel's butcher shop on Federal Street. After completing his apprenticeship he with his brothers Ernest and Albert opened the shop now owned and operated by the subject and under the firm name E. Kurz and Brothers, and soon did a large and prosperous business. They also operated a harness and saddlery business on Phelps Street, where the Equity Saving & Loan Company is now located. Mr. Kurz was wisely economical and soon found himself getting ahead financially. He was a wise believer in real estate as an investment medium, and as he was able he made purchases of properties which have proven wise and profitable investments. His first purchase was the property where the Kurz hardware store is now located on Federal Street, and on that street he now owns ten store buildings, and among other properties owned by him is the oldest building in the city, the old schoolhouse. He is now rated as one of the largest individual property owners in Youngstown, and he is authority for the statement that he has never lost a cent on any real estate investment he has made. He has always been a hard worker, but has been blessed with splendid health and has enjoyed his work. He is now erecting a fine residence on Wick Avenue, and he expects to close his shop on the day he is sixty-five years of age.

Mr. Kurz has long occupied an enviable place in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was twice elected a member of the city council, each time by tremendous majorities, and has been urged to accept other public offices, including that of mayor, but he has no ambition in that line and has steadfastly refused to become a candidate. Mr. Kurz is a trustee in the City Trust & Savings Bank, a trustee in the Equity Savings & Trust Company and a stockholder in the Peoples Bank of East Youngstown, Ohio.

In 1880 Rudolf C. Kurz was married to Amelia Krum, who was born near Bessemer, Springfield Township, this county, and to them were born five children, namely: Charles, who is manager of the Kurz hardware store; Clara, who is the wife of John Helcer, of Youngstown; Edward, who is in the grocery business on Wilson Avenue, this city; Harry is in the city engineer's office, while his twin sister, Carrie, is the wife of Ralph Smith, who is located at Omaha, Nebraska, as sales agent for the Truscon Steel Company. Mr. and Mrs. Kurz are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a democrat in politics.

William Wilson is a civil engineer by profession and for thirty years has been actively connected with the building trades of the Mahoning Valley. Some of the most important surveys in the valley testify to his achievements and the facilities of the organization with him.

Mr. Wilson early in life was employed by James Mackey, who for years stood in first rank of the civil and construction engineering profession in Eastern Ohio. Later he was associated with Charles Mackey, a son of James Mackey. This association continued until the death of Charles Mackey. Mr. Wilson was civil engineer for Niles about twelve years, resigning in the year 1907. At the present time he is engineer for Girard, Hubbard and Lowellville, and also has a very large private practice in Youngstown. A few of the more important surveys handled by this association were for the Union Iron & Steel

Company plants (now Carnegie), the Republic Rubber Company, the Pollock Boiler Company, the General Fireproofing Company, the Truscon Steel Company, the Stambaugh Building, the First National Bank Building, the Wick Building, the Mahoning National Bank Building, the Home Savings & Loan Building, McKelvey Building, Ohio Hotel Building and many others.

Mr. Wilson is a member of the Youngstown Engineers Club, the Ohio Engineering Society, the American Association of Engineers and the American Water Works Association.

WALTER LEE KAUFFMAN, credit manager of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, has been intimately connected with the iron and steel industry of this city for over thirty years.

He was born in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1860. He had an older brother, Percival Coover, who was born in 1857, and a sister, Edith Belle, who was younger. He was early educated at Lauderbach Academy at Philadelphia and the Cumberland Valley Institute at Mechanicsburg. Afterward he learned the trade of printing at the Thomas Printing House in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and then entered Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, class of 1882.

His father, Levi Kauffman, was a prominent banker in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, collector of revenue for the Fifteenth District of Pennsylvania during President Lincoln's administration, and one of the organizers of the republican party and very active in its affairs. The mother, Ann Elizabeth Coover, was a daughter of John Coover, Esq., a prominent merchant in Mechanicsburg. She was the granddaughter of Hon. George Coover (Kober), an extensive land owner of Southern Pennsylvania, who was a member of the Continental Congress that elected Washington president.

Walter Lee Kauffman left college and was connected with the American Tube & Iron Company, Middletown, Pennsylvania, from January, 1881, to May, 1886, when he removed to Youngstown, Ohio, to take charge of the offices of the Youngstown Mills of the same company, which were then just building, and later was made manager, and continued with them until the plant was purchased by the National Tube Company on June 1, 1899, and was known as their Youngstown department, afterwards becoming a subsidary company of the United States Steel Corporation, when he was made manager, and continued as such until July 1, 1908, at which time the plant was abandoned and dismantled. He then was connected with the Ohio Iron & Steel Company and the Carbon Limestone Company of Youngstown, Ohio, until February 1, 1909, when he became credit manager of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, Youngstown, Ohio, one of the largest steel manufacturing industries of the country.

He has always been a republican in politics, is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, a member of the Sigma Chi college fraternity, and is also a Mason. He is fond of golf and all outdoor sports; has always been prominent in club life, and is a member of the Youngstown Club, and the Youngstown Country Club of Youngstown, Ohio, and of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His residence is 748 Bryson Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

FREDERICK H. MUNKELT. Few industries of the world surpass in importance that of the iron and steel, and among the firms of consequence in this wide field is the Petroleum Iron Company of Sharon, of which Frederick H. Munkelt is a director and the assistant sales manager.

Although he is a native of England, born in London May 13, 1886, he was but eight years of age when brought by his parents, Julius A. and Charlotte E. (Brown) Munkelt, to the United States. It was as the American representative of Winsor & Newton, an artist supply material firm of London, England, that Julius A. Munkelt became identified with the life and interests of this country. Both he and his wife are now living in Brooklyn, New York.

It was also in the City of Brooklyn that their son Frederick H. attained to manhood's estate and graduated from high school in February, 1903. He then matriculated in Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1908 with the degree of B. S., and in 1909 Dartmouth conferred upon him the degree of C. E. Following this college training Mr. Munkelt went to Elmira, New York, where he was assigned as draftsman with the American Bridge Company, and in the fall of 1910 severed his interests there to join the estimating and designing department of the American Bridge Company in New York City. During his connection with that organization he served in various capacities and gained an excellent knowledge of the fundamentals of the iron industry.

In 1914 Mr. Munkelt came to Youngstown, Ohio, the city in which his interests have since been centered and in which he has gained a foothold in the business world. He at once became identified with the Petroleum Iron Works Company of Sharon, Pennsylvania, as a salesman, and from October, 1914, until July, 1915, represented this company in the oil fields of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. From April, 1916, until April, 1917, inclusive, he has charge of the St. Louis office of the corporation; from May, 1917, until January, 1919, represented his company at Washington, D. C., in an important capacity during the war, also representing the Steel Fabricators of the United States at the same time, and since then he has served as assistant sales manager of the Petroleum Iron Company, and is a director also of the Petroleum Iron Works Company of Ohio. Mr. Munkelt is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Thayer Society of Civil Engineers, the latter an organization of Dartmouth graduates from the civil engineering course, and is a member of the Kappa Sigma college fraternity and of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

On the 12th of April, 1916, Mr. Munkelt was married to Miss Jessie F. Pounds, of Brooklyn, New York, and to them has been born one daughter, Elizabeth Gertrude. The family are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

JAMES ELLSWORTH HEASLEY. Twenty-five years of active business connections constitute the record of

James Ellsworth Heasley as a resident of Warren. In later years his energies and means have been drawn into a number of enterprises, but the basis of his business was his trade as a plumber and he is still proprietor of the Warren Heating & Plumbing Company.

Mr. Heasley was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, about ten miles east of Youngstown, on June 24, 1863. His parents, Elias P. and Josephine (Davis) Heasley, were both born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, the Heasleys being of remote German ancestry. Elias Heasley spent his active life as a farmer in Lawrence County and died there in May, 1900, at the age of sixty-three. He is survived by his widow, who is now in her eighty-first year.

James E. Heasley left the farm when about nineteen years of age and coming to Youngstown served an apprenticeship of four years to learn the plumber's trade under Montgomery Thompson. His first independent venture was his partnership with William Burnett, under the name Burnett & Heasley, plumbers, but after a year he sold out to his partner and removed to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he was foreman of the Leslie & Naylor Plumbing Company three years.

On coming to Warren in 1894 Mr. Heasley bought the stove and hardware business of James Reed & Son, and with William N. Henderson established the firm of Henderson & Heasley, hardware merchants and plumbers. He was an active associate in this enterprise, selling out in 1906 to Mr. Henderson and then confining his entire attention to plumbing, with a shop on South Park Avenue. A year later his business was removed to the Masonic Building on East Market. In 1910, having purchased the old Judge Hutchins property at 228 East Market Street, Mr. Heasley established the Warren Plumbing & Heating Company there, its present location. More recently, in 1918, he thoroughly remodeled that property by building a brick garage, the rear part of which is three stories, on ground 60 by 110 feet, the one-story show room in front being 100 by 20 feet.

In 1917 Mr. Heasley with William Loveless built the "L. & H." Block, the initials indicating the names of the builders. This is a three-story brick building, 60 by 65 feet on a lot 120 by 60 feet, and contains three storerooms below and ten apartments above. Mr. Heasley has also used his capital to construct a number of residences in different parts of the city. He is a director of the People's Savings & Loan Company of Warren.

Other associations with his home city are as a member of the Warren Board of Trade, Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, Mahoning Lodge of Odd Fellows and Warren Lodge of Elks. December 22, 1896, Mr. Heasley married Mary A. Henderson. They have a son and daughter, William P. and Justina. William P., born February 12, 1900, during his senior year in the Warren High School enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps, and saw one year of service and duty at a base hospital in France. Since his honorable discharge he has pursued his college career at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. The daughter, Justina, born July 1, 1904, is now a member of the junior class of the Warren High School. Mr. Heasley is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. Clyde Campbell. While not a veteran in years, it is doubtful if any man in Youngstown has had a more varied and active connection with the steel interests of the Mahoning Valley than J. Clyde Campbell. For a number of years Mr. Campbell has been employment manager of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

He was born at Hubbard, Ohio, April 16, 1877, and thus grew up in a district of steel mills and industrial life. He is one of the surviving children in the family of six born to Alexander Campbell and Caroline Veach. His mother is now deceased. His grandfather, Hugh Campbell, was an early settler in this section of Ohio. Alexander Campbell was for many years a useful and honored citizen of Trumbull County. He was a school master affectionately remembered by many in that county, and for a number of years was principal of the Hubbard schools. He also served as mayor of Hubbard and for four years was a county commissioner of Trumbull County. His present home is over the state line at Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he lives retired.

J. Clyde Campbell grew up in Hubbard and is a graduate of the high school of that town. At the age of twenty years he went to work for the Mahoning Valley Iron Company at Youngstown as weighmaster and shipping clerk in the blast furnace. Two years later he was made storekeeper, and subsequently assistant paymaster. Upon the organization of the steel trust he was transferred to the district office at Youngstown of the Republic Iron and Steel Company. He was in the freight and purchasing departments, and subsequently was sent to Alexandria, Indiana, and to Springfield, Illinois, to remove Bessemer mills which were part of the interests of the great merger. Later he was employed in the order department of the Republic Iron and Steel Company at Youngstown. A year later he resigned and went to Girard, Ohio, in the mill order department of the Carnegie Steel Company. Since February, 1902, his home has been at Youngstown and his connection with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company continuous. For ten years he was assistant paymaster, for two years was in the cost department, and since 1914 has been employment manager, a post of great responsibility and calling for all the tact and experience of Mr. Campbell.

He is a republican in politics and is a Royal Arch Mason. July 19, 1902, he married Miss Gertrude Paisley, of Youngstown, daughter of Robert A. and Mary (Porter) Paisley. They have one son, Robert A., always known in the family as Bob. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Owen David Morgan. The late Owen D. Morgan was closely identified with the business, civic and social life of the Mahoning Valley for over thirty years, and at the time of his death he was one of the best-known and highly esteemed men in the entire valley. During his active business career he met with success out of the ordinary, overcame all

difficulties, and became one of the really worthwhile men of the community. He was a self-made man in the truest sense of that term, for he began life as an apprentice, mastered his trade, went into business on his own account and succeeded, aided only by his inherent qualities of heart and mind—an ambition to succeed, industry and perseverance, backed up by absolute integrity and sound judgment.

Mr. Morgan was born in South Wales on April 6, 1858, the son of David and Jane (Bowen) Morgan. David Morgan brought his family over from South Wales in 1860 and located in Youngstown. A few years later he removed to his farm in Hubbard, Trumbull County, and was a farmer for a number of years, then returned to Youngstown, in which city he and his wife passed their declining years.

Owen D. Morgan was a child of two years when the family came to the United States. His early days were spent in Youngstown and on his father's farm in Hubbard. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship at the carriage and wagon-maker's trade, and worked at the trade for a number of years, or until he had gained sufficient experience to get into business on his own account.

In 1889 Mr. Morgan came to Warren and established a carriage and wagon shop in partnership with Gotlib Lemley, under the firm name of Morgan and Lemley. Later Mr. Lemley sold his interest in the business to Henry Siegfried, who later sold out to the late William A. Williams, Mr. Morgan's brother-in-law. Under the firm name of Morgan and Williams the business was developed substantially and became one of the prominent industries of Warren. However, with the advent of the automobile, the firm became sales agents for the Overland car for a territory embracing nine counties, and that business was successfully carried on by Mr. Morgan and Mr. Williams until 1917, when both partners retired from active business, Mr. Morgan removing to Pasadena, California, in search of health.

Mr. Morgan was also associated with Mr. Williams in the organization of the Warren Realty and Trust Company, and served as treasurer of that corporation for some time. He also held other important business interests in Warren, but for several years had not been active in the management of any enterprise.

In 1886 Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Mary Morris Griffith, who was born in Tallmadge, Summit County, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Morris) Griffith, natives of South Wales. When Mrs. Morgan was a child of six months the family removed to Youngstown, where for a number of years Mr. Griffith was engaged in the real estate business, and in which city he and his wife died. Thomas and Griffith streets in Youngstown were named in honor of Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Morgan was a member of Central Christian Church and Old Erie Lodge of Masons of Warren.

After their removal to California Mr. and Mrs. Morgan returned to Warren on annual visits, and it was while on one of these visits that Mr. Morgan's death occurred on May 27, 1920, his death coming as a shock to the entire community.

The life of Mr. Morgan was so unselfish, so useful and so placid, and his personality was so genial, so kind and wholesome, that he won the regard of all with whom he had business dealings and the esteem of all with whom he came in contact in any relation. Warm hearted, generous and genial, he gained and held the true friendship of many men, men who regarded his friendship as a blessing and mourn his passing away. A faithful friend, a fond husband, a true man, a good citizen, are the terms applied to the man and his deeds.

Chester Curtis Waller, M. D. During his residence in the Mahoning Valley the professional distinctions associated with Chester C. Waller are due almost altogether to his exceptional abilities and skill as a surgeon. He was in the general practice of medicine for a number of years before coming to the Mahoning Valley and locating at Warren, where his rare equipment and talents have earned him special recognition in the difficult field of surgery.

Doctor Waller is a native of Northern Vermont and represents an old American family, his branch of the family having been pioneers in Northern Vermont. His great-grandfather, Joseph Waller, presided over the first divine meeting for worship in that section of the state. Henry C. Waller, father of Doctor Waller, was born in Vermont, in early life was a farmer and later was a merchant at Irasburg, where he died in 1879. He was very active and influential in the Grange. Henry C. Waller married Josephine Bogue, a native of Northern Vermont. She survived her husband only four months. Her father, Virgil P. Bogue, a Vermont farmer, had a family of three sons and five daughters, all the sons becoming physicians, while one daughter married a physician. The great-uncle of Doctor Waller of Warren was Dr. R. G. Bogue, who was one of the early medical men in the City of Chicago. Doctor Waller is one of four sons, being the oldest of the family. His brother, Henry A., for the past fourteen years has been superintendent of the Providence and Dandleson Street Railway Company. Halley T. is secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Akron, Ohio, and president of the board of education of that city. Percy C. is a physician in Vermont.

Dr. C. C. Waller was born at Irasburg, Orleans County, Vermont, March 14, 1872. As a boy he lived in the rugged environment of a Vermont farm. He attended district schools, also the Vermont Methodist Seminary at Montpelier, and spent one year in the study of medicine at the University of Vermont. Another year he was in the medical department of Dartmouth College, and his third and final year was spent at the Baltimore Medical College, now the medical department of the University of Maryland. He graduated there with the M. D. degree in 1898. Doctor Waller spread his medical work among these three schools from conscious intention and not as a result of circumstance. It was his desire to get the advantages of the methods and come in touch with the able men of all three institutions.

Doctor Waller practiced for fourteen years in his home town in Vermont. Early in his career he dis-

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covered a special aptitude for surgery and neglected no opportunity to specialize in that line. For a number of years he was a regular attendant at the surgical clinics held in Montreal, Canada, a city only ninety miles from his home town. In 1912 Doctor Waller located at Lyndonville, Vermont, where he began specializing in surgery. At the same time he was affiliated with the Brightlook and St. Johnsbury hospitals. After considerable investigation Doctor Waller determined to locate at Warren, and his home has been in that city since October, 1915. From the first he confined his work largely to surgery. The preceding four years he had given all his spare time to research study and attendance at the hospitals and clinics.

Doctor Waller was commissioned a captain in the Medical Reserve Corps, May 16, 1917. He was ordered to active duty the 28th of June and nine days later assigned administrative work. September 4, 1917, he was assigned to the Seventy-sixth Division at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, in command of the Regimental Detachment of the Three Hundred and First Infantry. March 23, 1918, he was commissioned major in the Medical Corps, and on July 6th was ordered to France with the above organization. September 23, 1918, he was made division sanitary inspector and assigned to the office of division surgeon. November 5th he was made acting division surgeon by special order No. 92, paragraph 14, at headquarters of the Third Depot Division, American Expeditionary Forces, American Post Office No. 773. He was continued in that capacity until the completion of the transfer of officers and men of the Seventy-sixth Division, and then, on November 29, 1918, was requested by the chief surgeon of the intermediate section to take station at Navarre, France, with the Nineteenth Engineers (Pennsylvania Railway outfit), the purpose of which assignment was to expedite sanitary measures in the checking of typhoid and diarrhea, diseases that had been defying all efforts to eradicate since the preceding January. A promise was given him at the time, as a reward, of an immediate transfer home. This promise materialized December 24, 1918, when he received home orders. He was honorably discharged at Camp Mills, New York, April 28, 1919, and on the 5th of June following resumed his work at Warren.

Aside from rendering patriotic service to his country, Doctor Waller looked upon the army service as an opportunity for valuable surgical experience, but his special genius for administrative work caused his various assignments as above noted, and, as a matter of fact, he handled only a single case of surgery all the time he was in the army, that being an emergency appendicitis operation. Since returning from France Doctor Waller has limited his practice to surgery and diagnosis.

Doctor Waller is a member of the Trumbull County and Ohio State Medical societies and of the American Medical Association, and is affiliated with Carroll F. Clapp Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, at Warren, the Warren Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Warren Lodge of Elks, and the Warren Rotary Club.

Doctor Waller married Grace M. White, daughter of Charles C. and Miranda White, of North Troy, Vermont. Mrs. Waller died in 1911, the mother of three children: David Wilkie, born in 1903; Gerald Charles, born in 1907; and Geraldine Rosamond, born in 1908.

In 1913 Doctor Waller married his present wife, who was Emily Waller, a distant relative and a childhood friend, a woman of rare attributes, who has assumed the maternal care of the doctor's children.

John McKenzie Henderson. One of the agencies that has contributed most to the volume of the automobile business at Warren is the Henderson Motor Car Company, of which John M. Henderson is general manager and treasurer. Mr. Henderson has been exceptionally successful in the automobile field, though he came to it from the field of art. For a number of years he was a well known teacher of music, with a studio at Cleveland.

Mr. Henderson was born at Youngstown, April 21, 1878, son of William and Justina (McKenzie) Henderson. His parents were born in Scotland, and about a year and a half after their marriage they came to the United States and located at Youngstown. William Henderson was identified with the Brown-Bonnell plant at Youngstown as foreman in the puddling department for over thirty years. He died in March, 1914, at Youngstown, where his wife is still living.

John M. Henderson acquired a public school education at Youngstown. He early evinced special talents in music and largely by his own efforts acquired a liberal musical education. For eight years he was a student under some of the best instructors in New York City. His professional career began in 1907 as director of music at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, where in addition he taught vocal four years. He then returned to Ohio, establishing a studio in Cleveland, where he remained five years. During that time he was head of the music department at Hiram College.

Mr. Henderson gave up his profession in 1916 to enter the automobile business. His first location was at Niles, where he was president of the Henderson Motor Car Company. A year later the business was removed to Warren. This company now handles and distributes the Overland and Willys-Knight cars and the Garford trucks, and has rolled up an imposing aggregate of business for those well known makes.

Mr. Henderson is president of the Trumbull County Automobile Trades Association, is a member of the Warren Automobile Club and the National Automobile Club. He is also active in the Warren Board of Trade, the Warren Rotary Club, and is affiliated with Carroll F. Clapp Lodge of Masons, the Royal Arch Chapter and Warren Lodge of Elks.

Mr. Henderson married Miss Jane Caldwell, daughter of James and Belinda (Connor) Caldwell. Her parents were natives of Ireland. Her father was long a resident of Youngstown and built the monument in the Square in that city. For that work compensation to him was delayed thirty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have three children: Bruce Pauley, Dorothy Virginia and Louise Caldwell.

HARRY S. SMITH. One of the successful business men and popular citizens of Warren is Harry S. Smith, who has been closely identified with the affairs of the city for over twenty years, during which time he has worked his way up from journeyman to owner of one of the leading plumbing and heating concerns in this part of the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Smith is a native of this valley, and is in the fourth generation of his family here. His paternal great-grandfather was one of the earliest settlers of the valley, and his grandfather, William Smith, was born here. His father, William A. Smith, was born at Petersburg, and is at the present time engaged in carpentering and cabinet making in Youngstown. His mother, Caroline (Felker) Smith, daughter of John P. Felker, was born at New Springfield, and died in 1904.

Harry S. was born at New Springfield, Mahoning County, on March 29, 1873. He was educated in the Youngstown public schools, and in that city he served an apprenticeship at the plumbing trade with the old firm of Stambaugh & Thompson. After finishing his three years' apprenticeship he worked for the old firm as journeyman until 1900, in which year he came to Warren and worked as a journeyman for two years, and in 1902, being ambitious to have a business of his own, he opened a small shop on West Market Street. He began in a small way with limited capital, but his skill as a workman and his business and personal qualities were soon recognized, and his business grew rapidly. In order to obtain quarters to accommodate his increasing business, he removed to the Masonic Temple Building on East Market and Pine streets, and in 1907 he formed a partnership with the late F. F. Childs, under the firm name of Smith & Childs, plumbers, and gas-fitters. In 1916, upon the death of Mr. Childs, the entire business was taken over by Mr. Smith, which by now has grown into one of the largest plumbing and steam-heating concerns in this section of Ohio, with offices, show rooms and work-rooms at 27 North Pine Street.

Mr. Smith is active and prominent in his business and has been honored by the trade associations. He is past president of the Ohio State Association of Master Plumbers, and is president of the Mahoning Valley Master Plumbers' Association. He is a member of the Warren Builders' Exchange, of the Warren Board of Trade and of the Warren Rotary Club. He is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, past eminent commander of Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, and belongs to Cleveland Consistory (thirty-second degree) Scottish Rite.

Mr. Smith married Bertha E. Boynton of Youngstown and both of them are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

HALSEY WILLARD TAYLOR. The credit and responsibility belong to Mr. Taylor for giving Warren one of its most prosperous and distinctive industries, the extensive plant which today manufactures many types of drinking fountains, known generally to the trade as the Puritan Fountains, all made from the designs and under the patents owned and controlled by Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor has spent most of his life in this section of Ohio. He was born at Pickering, Missouri, February 18, 1877, and was about one year old when his parents, Alfred C. and Josephine L. (Sturgill) Taylor, came to Ohio and settled at Leavittsburg in Trumbull County. His father was a native of New York State and his mother of Missouri. The family lived at Leavittsburg about sixteen years, Alfred Taylor being local agent of the Erie Railroad. He was one of thousands attracted to the opening of the Cherokee strip in Oklahoma Territory in 1892, and his family followed him to the west. Alfred Taylor died there in 1893, and the widowed mother and her children then returned to Leavittsburg. In the spring of 1893 they moved to Warren.

Halsey W. Taylor acquired his education in the public schools of Leavittsburg. At the age of fourteen he found an opening for work in the foundry of the Neracher Sprinkler Works at Warren, now known as the Grinnell Company. Every night and morning he walked back and forth from his home in Leavittsburg to the plant, but later found work nearer home at the Erie Railway transfer at Leavittsburg. Then after the western experience of the family and their return to Warren, Mr. Taylor found employment for six years in the old Warren Stove Works, which plant, doubled in floor space, Mr. Taylor recently bought and it is now the home of his own company. On leaving the Warren Stove Works he became an employe of the Packard Electric Works, and was with that industry for sixteen years, thirteen years of that time as shop superintendent.

In the meantime Mr. Taylor had been exercising his inventive genius by working out some ideas and plans of his own. With N. A. Wolcott of the Packard Electric Company, and Evan J. Thomas, he completed the organization of the Halsey W. Taylor Company in September, 1913, Mr. Thomas withdrawing shortly afterward. This company was founded for the purpose of manufacturing a patented drinking fountain designed by Mr. Taylor. On November 1, 1919, Mr. Taylor acquired Mr. Wolcott's interest and is now sole owner of the business. He manufactures the Puritan drinking fountain under his own invention and patents, and has made several of the most valuable improvements in sanitary drinking fountains. During the World war he was the only manufacturer who succeeded in meeting the exacting requirements of the Government for a sanitary drinking fountain to be used in the Government cantonments and naval training stations. His fountain was adopted over many competitors, and fountains manufactured in his plant at Warren were used in the various cantonments, naval training stations and aviation camps in France.

This business has been one of steady growth and development. At the beginning only one type of fountain was manufactured, but at the present time the output consists of from thirty to forty sizes, forms and types, all of them designed by Mr. Taylor. He now has contracts with some of the chief interests in the country requiring this product. There has been a proportionate increase in the plant at Warren. until now it utilizes 34,000 square feet of floor space, with fifty skilled laborers in the plant, and today this company is the largest exclusive manufacturer of sanitary drinking equipment in the world.

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Mr. Taylor is a member of the Warren Rotary Club, the Board of Trade, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Country Club. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church. He married Miss Laura J. McComb, of Warren, daughter of William C. and Elizabeth (McGregor) McComb. They have four children, Halsey Willard, Jr., Laura Evelyn, Velva Effie and Ann Eleanor.

WALLACE ANDREW LYNN. The strong and efficient administration of municipal affairs under the present able regime of Mayor McBride has brought general satisfaction to the people of Warren. One of the able members of the mayor's cabinet is the director of safety, Wallace Andrew Lynn.

Mr. Lynn has spent most of his life in Warren, and has always shown much capability in everything he has undertaken. He was born in Warren Township, about five miles from the city, on May 18, 1877, son of George F. and Mary (Kibler) Lynn. His father was born in Cornersburg, Mahoning County, and when a boy his father, Peter Lynn, moved to Warren Township. Mary Kibler was born in Warren Township south of Leavittsburg. Her father, George Kibler, was a native of Germany and at the age of fourteen came with his parents on a sailing vessel, and after a 142 days on the water landed in this country and subsequently established a home in Trumbull County. George F. Lynn and wife, are still living on the home farm, the former in his sixty-sixth year and the latter at the age of sixty-nine.

Wallace Andrew Lynn grew up on a farm, was educated in district schools, and at the age of eighteen left home and came to Warren. He learned the trade of blacksmithing with the firm of Klippel & McCrackin. After three years at Warren he established a shop of his own at Rosemont in Mahoning County, remained there three years, and then returning to Warren bought the shop where he had learned his trade. He has since developed a profitable and extensive business, both in general blacksmithing and in horseshoeing.

Mr. Lynn is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Trumbull Lodge No. 186 of the Moose and the American Insurance Union. He is a member of the Masonic Club. He assumed his duties as director of safety for the City of Warren on January 1, 1920.

Mr. Lynn and family are members of the First Reformed Church. He married Alice Toot, who was born at Lordstown, daughter of John and Mary (Bailey) Toot. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have four children: Harold, who was born in 1900 and is now in the employ of the Second National Bank at Warren; Gertrude, born in 1904; Kenneth, born in 1907; and Mildred, born in 1915.

GEORGE TAYLER HECKLINGER began his fourth successive term as city auditor of Warren on January 1, 1920. Besides these official duties he is now and has for a number of years been one of the well qualified lawyers of Trumbull County. He has found the rewards of his profession in the same locality where he has spent his life and where his family have lived for many years.

Mr. Hecklinger was born at Warren, February 1, 1875, son of Martin and Adaline (Tayler) Hecklinger, His grandfather, Martin Hecklinger, brought his family to the United States in 1856, locating first in Youngstown and later in Warren, where he was a merchant. Martin Hecklinger, Jr., was born in France in 1848 and was about eight years of age when he came to Ohio. For many years he was an active factor in the manufacturing and industrial life of Warren, but has lived retired since 1918. He and his wife are highly respected citizens of Warren. Adaline Tayler was born at Warren in 1851. Her father, Matthew B. Tayler, was for many years cashier of the old First National Bank of Warren.

George Tayler Hecklinger was reared in Warren, attended the public schools and graduated in 1904 from Mercersburg College in Pennsylvania. He read law with his uncle, J. J. Sullivan, now of Cleveland, then of Warren, and was also a law student in the University of Pennsylvania, graduating and receiving his LL. B. degree in 1906. He was admitted to the bar that year and was soon busy with a growing practice in his native city. Mr. Hecklinger was first elected city auditor in 1914, and has been chosen his own successor three times.

He does his part as a good citizen, is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, and affiliated with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Warren Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, Mahoning Lodge No. 69 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Warren Lodge No. 295 of the Elks. He is also a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. January 24, 1900, Mr. Hecklinger married Miss Cathryne Vogeley. Her father, William Vogeley, is a member of the Vogeley Oil Company of Pittsburg.

MYRON SEATON CURTIS was born at Washington, District of Columbia, October 29, 1888, a lineal descendant of the old Curtis family of Scituate, Massachusetts. His grandfather, Charles T. Curtis, was a civil engineer, and during the Civil war had charge of the construction of Cabin John's Bridge, the historic aqueduct erected by the government near Washington, which was at that time the longest single-span stone bridge in the world. His parents are William T. S. Curtis and Mary (Barnard) Curtis, residing at Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Mr. Curtis was educated at George Washington University as a chemical engineer and came to Youngstown in 1911. He entered the works of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, and has been connected with that company since that time, being now special agent. He was married in November, 1913, to Nellie, daughter of John R. and Etta (Bowman) Squire, of Youngstown, and resides at 278 Redondo Road, Youngstown.

Mr. Curtis is a member of the American Iron & Steel Institute, the American Society for Testing Materials, the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the First Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM FLETCHER EDWARDS, one of the leading business men of Warren, has been identified with the manufacturing interests of the city since 1893. He has on many occasions during these years demon-

strated his readiness to cooperate with and support any project that seemed to him to promise good for some phase of the affairs of the city, and by his public spirit and his industrial effort has had an important part in the progress of Warren during the last generation.

He was born at Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, July 6, 1873, the son of John F. and Nancy (Martin) Edwards, and grandson of Samuel Edwards, who was one of the pioneers of the Mahoning Valley. The Edwards family is of British origin, but has had residence in America for many generations. Early the family appears to have been in Virginia, but Benjamin Edwards, great-great-grandfather of William F., lived in Butler County of the State of Pennsylvania, and there his son John was born. Samuel, son of John, was also born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, the year of his birth being 1812. He was quite a young man when he came into Ohio and settled in the Mahoning Valley at Niles, Trumbull County. He endured the privations that fell to the lot of the average pioneer, and he was evidently a man of strong purpose, for whatever hardships came to him he met and overcame them, or the family has had connection with Niles since he first settled there. John F. Edwards, his son, and the father of William F., was born in the family homestead at Niles. He was for many years employed in the iron mills at Niles, and when he retired from business in 1892 he removed to Warren, where he lived for the remainder of his life, which ended in 1900. He married Nancy Martin, daughter of Benjamin Martin, a Kentucky planter. She was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and died in 1905, in Warren, Ohio, although for the greater part of her life she had lived in Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio.

William Edwards, son of John F. and Nancy (Martin) Edwards, spent his early life in his home town, attending the public schools of Niles. His first employment was in the clothing store of J. L. Hudson, Detroit. In the same year, however, he became an employe of the Detroit Steel and Spring Company, working in the Detroit plant of the company. For several years he was employed in the Old Mill at Niles, Ohio, and with the Reeves Brothers Boiler Works in that city. In 1893 he came to Warren with Mr. A. R. Hughes and Benjamin W. Edwards, his younger brother, the three in that year organizing and establishing in Warren a manufacturing plant which is now known as the Warren City Tank and Boiler Company. In 1908 the business had reached such dimensions that with a view to further rapid expansion corporate powers were secured, and as an incorporated concern the enterprise took the name of the Warren City Tank and Boiler Company, of which Mr. William F. Edwards is vice president. He has taken active part in the management of the company since its inception, and much of its present standing among American boiler plants is due to the business ability of Mr. Edwards.

He is a member of all Masonic bodies, belonging to Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, to Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, to Lake Erie Consistory, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and to Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the Warren Lodge of Elks. Socially he is a member of the County Club, Cleveland Athletic Club, Old Colony Club, which last named organization maintains quarters in leading hotels of large cities expressly for the accommodation and comfort of its members who might be visiting in those cities.

Mr. Edwards married Meda, daughter of Noah Vest, of Missouri. The late distinguished United States Senator Vest of Missouri was a member of the family to which Mrs. Edwards belongs. To Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have been born three children: Helen J., born May 1, 1903; Harold W., born December 20, 1904; Arthur M., born December 19, 1905.

Charles C. Chryst. If Charles C. Chryst had never accomplished anything more than the carrying out of his successful campaign in favor of good roads in Trumbull County his name would be enshrined among the worth-while citizens of the Mahoning Valley. He has always been an enthusiast on this subject, to which he has given thorough and practical attention, and has managed to communicate some of this enthusiasm to his fellow citizens with very gratifying results, as those passing over the fine roads constructed under his administration as road commissioner testify upon all occasions.

Charles C. Chryst was born on the old Chryst homestead in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, on September 12, 1856, and is descended from one of the old and prominent families of the Mahoning Valley. Solomon R. Chryst, his father, was born at Lordstown, Trumbull County, in 1833, a son of Jacob Chryst. Jacob Chryst was born in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a son of the original American ancestor who came here from Germany at the close of the eighteenth century and settled in Pennsylvania. Leaving the Keystone State, Jacob Chryst came to the Mahoning Valley sometime between 1817 and 1820, settling in Lordstown Township when that section was a forest. He bought considerable land, became a successful farmer, and lived to reach his eighty-eighth year.

Solomon Chryst moved into Weathersfield Township, where he was engaged in farming and the buying and selling of stock for many years, becoming known all over Trumbull County as a man of irreproachable character and as a worthy citizen. Later on in life he moved to Warren and lived there in retirement until his death in 1909. He married Elizabeth Johnson, who was born on the Johnson farm in Duck Creek neighborhood, and died at Warren in 1880. Her parents came to Trumbull County from Connecticut.

Charles C. Chryst was reared on the old homestead and was educated at the public schools, Hiram College and Allegheny College at Meadsville, Pennsylvania, leaving the latter institution, however, before he was graduated so as to take advantage of a good business opening. In 1874 he engaged in a grocery and provision business at Warren, and continued it until 1879, when he returned to the farm and was associated with his father in the stock business until he was thirty-five years of age. In 1888 he re-entered the gro-

cery and provision business at Warren, expanding it into a public market, which he sold at a good figure in September, 1918. In 1893 Mr. Chryst became interested in the hotel business at Warren as senior member of the firm of Chryst & Roach, they taking over the Park Hotel at that time. In 1910 they became the owners of the Colonial Hotel and have since then operated both properties, which are the two leading hostelries of Warren. In the same year that they secured their second hotel, these partners organized the Warren Provision Company which was incorporated with Mr. Chryst as president, but this company went out of business in 1918.

Mr. Chryst is regarded, and justly so, as the "father of the good roads" in Northeastern Ohio, as it is due to his efficient efforts that the present system of macadam roads was inaugurated in Trumbull County, where the first roads of that kind in this part of Ohio were built. The beginning of this era had its inception in the plan of Mr. Chryst to provide some kind of a path along the public highways for the use of the bicyclists. In 1903 he was appointed by the board of county commissioners a member of the first board of highway commissioners under the new highway laws which went into effect that year. Entering enthusiastically into the project Mr. Chryst gave generously of his time, money and influence and accomplished great things, so that at the expiration of his four years the county commissioners declined to let him withdraw as highway commissioner, and he served an additional two years, or until he positively refused further appointment. During his administration there were built in Trumbull County 250 miles of bicycle path and fifty-eight miles of macadam roads, a record not easily forgotten.

Mr. Chryst is a man of large and varied affairs, and among other things is a member of the board of directors of the Western Reserve National Bank of Warren, and was one of the original members and first directors of the Warren Board of Trade. Mr. Chryst was married to Elizabeth Qualey, who was born at Elmira, New York, a daughter of Simon and Mary Qualey, both of whom died at Warren, where they had lived for many years.

Aside from what he has done in the matter of good road building, and in providing Warren with up-to-date hotel accommodations, Mr. Chryst has accomplished much for the community. He has upheld the Board of Trade in all of its plans for the development of the city, freely giving of his time and means to consummate all movements for the general welfare.

Broad-minded and progressive, genial and warm-hearted Mr. Chryst holds the friendship of his business and social acquaintances, while his many traits of character make of him an ideal friend and citizen. He is of a rugged nature, firm in his opinions, which, though sometimes may be wrong, he always frankly states when occasion requires, and his viewpoint is always received with respect, for the very reason that all who know him realize that he is conscientious in his views and beliefs. He has the courage of his convictions, but is not an opinionated or obstinate man, and is always ready to concede sincerity to the opinions of others.

Ralph Raymond Speak, recorder of Trumbull County, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, on January 25, 1891, a son of John R. and Jennie (Moreland) Speak, the former of whom was born in Scotland in 1853, a son of John Speak, also a native of Scotland. The mother of Ralph R. Speak was also born in Scotland, the year of her nativity being 1861. The parents were married in Scotland and came to the United States shortly after their marriage, locating at Cleveland, Ohio. John R. Speak was chief engineer of trans-Atlantic ships, sailing all of the seven seas, but after his arrival at Cleveland he followed the machinist trade until 1903. In that year he moved to Warren, and in 1906 to Niles, where his death occurred on April 30, 1917. His wife died at Cleveland in 1897.

The early days of Ralph R. Speak were spent at Cleveland and Niles, and he was educated in the public schools of these two cities, later taking up a general business course in a school of correspondence. He began his business career when he was a boy of thirteen years with the Sterling Electric Company of Warren, where he was office boy for one year. He then went to East Mecca, Ohio, and attended school, working for his board and clothes. Then he returned to the Sterling Electric Company of Warren, but lived at Niles, and rose to be final inspector with that company when he resigned to go to the Glass Works at Niles in a clerical capacity. He remained with that concern until he left on September 1, 1917, to assume the duties of county recorder, to which office he had been elected in November, 1916. He was re-elected to the same office in November, 1918 and was re-nominated in 1920 without opposition in the primaries. Mr. Speak is a member of Warren Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 295, of which he was exalted ruler in 1919. He is a member of the Buckeye Club of Warren, the Loyal Order of Moose of Niles, and the Niles Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the energetic young business men of both Warren and Niles. He is a member of First Christian Church of Niles.

Judge Dahl Buchanan Cooper, of Struthers, Ohio, was born September 19, 1880, in Coitsville, Mahoning County, Ohio, which was likewise the birthplace of his father the late David Perry Cooper. His grandfather, Robert Cooper, was of English descent, his father having come from England to the United States with his family, locating first in Maryland, and from there migrating to Coitsville, Ohio.

David P. Cooper spent the earlier years of his life in Coitsville, where he followed the trade of a blacksmith and wagon maker. Moving later to Struthers, he established a carriage gear-wood manufactory, which he managed successfully until his death, which occurred in 1909, at Saint Louis, Missouri, having been caused by a street car accident. He was then in the prime of life, having been but fifty-three years of age. He married Mary A. McClelland, a daughter of Capt. David McClelland, who, serving as an officer during the Civil war, lost his life on the Stone River battlefield. Both he and his wife united with the Presbyterian Church when young, and she is still a

faithful and active member. Fraternally he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically he was an independent democrat, seeking like his son, the judge, better things rather than a stringent alignment to party lines. Four children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Cooper, as follows: Dahl B., with whom this brief sketch is chiefly concerned; Ralph M., of Struthers, is with the Republic Iron & Steel Company; Mary, who became the wife of Hugh Hamilton, passed to the life beyond in 1911; and David P., Jr., who died in 1904, aged six years. The mother born in 1858, resides at 263 Poland Avenue, Struthers, Ohio.

Acquiring his elementary education in the public schools of Coitsville and Struthers, Dahl B. Cooper was graduated from the Rayen High School with the class of 1899. Continuing his studies in Ohio, he took a full course at Oberlin College, receiving his diploma in 1903. Going then to Cambridge, Massachusetts, he entered the law department of Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1907. Being admitted to the Ohio Bar, he immediately began the practice of his profession in Youngstown, being associated in partnership with J. F. Williams, Jr., with whom he was associated until his election to the judgeship. In 1918 Mr. Cooper was elected on a non-partisan contest to his present position as judge of the Court of Common Pleas for a term of six years, and is performing the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Judge Cooper married, August 5, 1915, Ruth G. Creed, a farmer and dairyman at Struthers, and they are the parents of two bright, interesting children, Betty Louise and William Perry. The Judge and Mrs. Cooper are worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church. Fraternally the judge belongs to the Knights of Pythias. From 1909 until the election of 1918 Judge Cooper was manager of all the dry campaigns in Mahoning County.

Albert Guarnieri has been a resident of Warren over thirty years. He is one of the most prominent and successful men in Trumbull County of Italian birth and parentage. He retired from his active responsibilities as a merchant recently, and for a number of years past has used his resources for the buying and development of many valuable parcels of real estate in Warren.

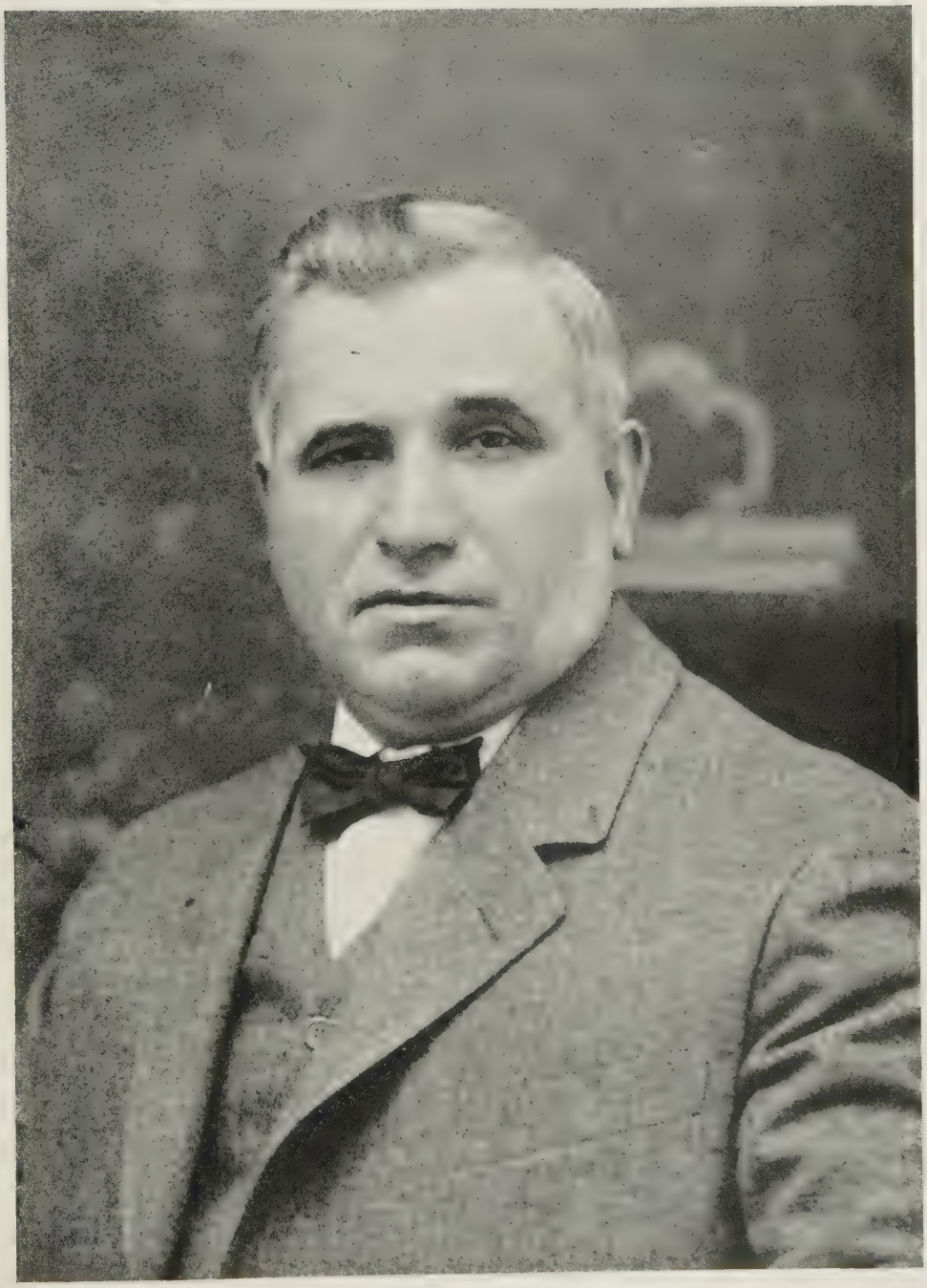
Mr. Guarnieri was born at Neirone, near Genoa, January 1, 1866, son of Salvatore Guarnieri. In 1887 he crossed the ocean to New York City and came directly to Warren, where his brothers John and Paul were in business. John Guarnieri is now deceased and Paul is a resident of Ashtabula, Ohio. Albert's first employment was with his brother John, who then operated a fruit stand at the corner of Market and Main streets. After two years, having been able to accumulate a modest captial, he established a fruit stand of his own at the corner of Market Street and Park Avenue. The next important advance in his business progress came in May, 1896, when he opened a confectionery store at 33 East Market Street, also continuing his fruit stand for a time. He built up a large confectionery business, eventually making it both wholesale and retail, and it was at his place of business that he could be found almost daily until September, 1919, when he turned over the confectionery establishment to his son, Albert, Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. Louise and her husband, Joseph Scarnecchia.

Mr. Guarnieri accepted this relief from his long continued business activity as an opportunity for a well-deserved rest. He returned to the old home in Italy in the fall of 1919, and remained until the spring of 1921.

Mr. Guarnieri has always regarded his citizenship in America as permanent, and has invested the great bulk of his resources in Warren real estate. His first land purchase in the city was the property at 13 South Pine Street. Later he bought the corner property at 15 South Pine, and established his home there. In 1908 he bought the Gunglefinger home at 305 East Market Street, and that has been the Guarnieri residence for the past twelve years. His first acquisition of business property was 19 South Park Avenue, a lot upon which he erected in 1917 a business block known as the Basso Block, named in honor of his wife. Following this he acquired at 18 South Main Street another business block, and in association with the well-known Warren real estate man, James P. Garghill, he acquired the old Russell Hotel at the corner of Main and South streets. Mr. Garghill later sold his interests to Arthur Lamberti of Youngstown, a cousin of Mr. Guarnieri. Mr. Guarnieri bought at 126-128 East Market Street the site of the old William Ritezel home, and erected there a very substantial three-story terra cotta brick block, known as the Guarnieri Block. The building is so constructed that additional floors may be added. The first floor of the building as it stands is occupied by a large furniture store, the second by offices, while the third is divided into apartments. Mr. Guarnieri owned a lot with 70-foot frontage on Main Street in the City of Niles, but sold this property at a sacrifice in order to promote the building of the William McKinley birthplace memorial, which occupies part of the lot. Mr. Guarnieri and Arthur Lamberti bought the old Stanford residence property on East Market Street, and leaving the residence intact, improved part of the ground with two temporary storerooms. Another purchase of these two associates is the Gilmore home on East Market Street, ground on which they plan the erection of another business block. Mr. Guarnieri erected in 1919 business blocks on South Park and South Pine streets, and he is individually the owner of at least fifteen residence properties in Warren. In his real estate operations Mr. Guarnieri may be said to be a good buyer and poor seller, since he still holds title to all the property he has acquired at different times, being attracted rather by stable investments than by possibilities of speculation.

Mr. Guarnieri is also a stockholder in the Columbian Fire Insurance Company of Detroit, and the Jamestown, New York, Telepohne Company. He is a Knight of Columbus and with his family a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. Guarnieri married Mary Basso, who was born in the same village as her husband and came to this country in 1885, joining relatives at Cleveland, in which city Mr. and Mrs. Guarnieri were married.

Their son, Lewis Lawrence Guarnieri, is one of



Albert T. Guarnieri

the prominent young members of the Trumbull County bar. He was born at Warren July 10, 1896, graduated from the Warren High School in 1914, and from the law department of the Catholic University of America at Washington in 1918 with the degree LL. B. He also received two degrees, Master of Laws and Master of Patent Laws, from the Georgetown Law School of the District of Columbia. He passed the bar examinations in June, 1919, and in July of the same year was admitted to the Ohio bar and began practice at Warren. He is a member of the Trumbull County Bar Association, the Board of Trade, St. Mary's Parish and the Knights of Columbus. He is also affiliated with two college fraternities, Epsilon Lambda and Sigma Chi, and is active in the membership of Warren Lodge No. 295, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

THEODORE J. ARTER, who has charge of the Standard Oil interests at Youngstown, is a member of a family which for three successive generations has been continuously identified with some phases of oil production in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Arter, who has been the Standard Oil representative at Youngstown since 1909, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1867, son of Theodore and Susan (Pritchard) Arter, and grandson of David Arter. David Arter, of Columbiana County, owned several profitable oil properties in the early days. He was a native of Ohio. Theodore Arter went to Cleveland in 1869, and was associated with that group of interests at Cleveland which now comprise the Standard Oil Company. For many years he was in the cooperage department, and had much of the responsibility of a large and growing industry devoted to the making of barrels and tanks for the storage and conveyance of oil.

Theodore J. Arter attended the Central High School at Cleveland and at the age of eighteen entered the service of the Standard Oil Company. For a time he had charge of the shipping department of the refinery at Cleveland. The corporation's business at Youngstown, of which he has had responsible charge for the past ten years, comprises a large and extensive plant, which was first established on the Erie Railroad between Champion and Walnut streets, but in 1914 was moved to the Pennsylvania tracks at Poland Avenue. Four acres of ground are devoted to the storage tanks, equipment and office buildings and warehouses.

Mr. Arter is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, is a Royal Arch Mason and Elk, and a member of the Rotary and Youngstown clubs. In 1893 he married Miss Gertrude Phelps, of Kingsville, Ohio. They have three children: Capt. Theodore Arter, Jr., Jean B. and Adelbert. The son Captain Theodore received his commission in an officers' training camp, was in the aviation department, and for a time was commander of the Langley Field in Virginia.

WELLS L. GRISWOLD. There are some individuals who always seem to have the inclination and find the opportunity to attend to good works whether of a public or private nature. Wells L. Griswold, trust officer of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company, is pre-eminently of this class. He belongs to the group of able citizens whose civic interest is equal to their business enterprise, and who are devoting their energy to the advancement of municipal affairs. A man of broad education and fine, sympathetic nature, he is admirably fitted to be identified with the progressive guard of such a city as Youngstown.

Mr. Griswold is a native of Ohio, having been born in Ashtabula County, August 13, 1868, one of three children of Henry F. and Susanna (Laird) Griswold. The Griswolds have been in this country since 1629, and farming, the principal occupation of its members, occupied the attention and energies of Henry F. Griswold. Wells L. Griswold was reared in an agricultural atmosphere on the home farm, and in his boyhood attended the district schools for the rudiments of his education. Later he went to New Lyme Institute at South New Lyme, Ohio, where he completed the course under Dr. Jacob Tuckerman, subsequently matriculating at Oberlin College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1894, and received his master's degree later. During this scholastic career he taught school, thus helping to defray the expenses of his education. For seven years following his graduation from Oberlin he was superintendent of schools at Collinwood, Ohio, now a part of Cleveland, and in 1901 came to Youngstown, where for ten years he was principal of the Rayen School. In 1911 he became trust officer of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company, and this position he has since filled.

Mr. Griswold has been prominently identified with many important movements. For some time he has been treasurer of the Mahoning Chapter of the American Red Cross, and during the period of the great war held a like position with the Mahoning War Chest, to which was subscribed $2,165,000. He was treasurer, also, of the Youngstown Base Hospital Fund, and chairman of all five of the Mahoning County (including Youngstown) Liberty Loan campaigns. His record is that of a useful, patriotic and public-spirited citizen who has contributed generously of his abilities and energies to those things which have assisted in developing higher education, better morals and public-spirited citizenship.

Mr. Griswold was married July 3, 1895, to Miss Louise Fitch, of Hastings, Minnesota, and they have three children: Francis F., Katharine L. and Alice Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold belong to the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, of which he has for years been an elder. He is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

ABRAHAM KAMENETZKY. A fine representative of the enterprising and energetic young men who come from a foreign land to this country of great opportunities, Abraham Kamenetzky has already obtained a secure position among the prosperous merchants of Youngstown, and as an active member of the R. & K. Specialty Company is ably assisting in advancing the mercantile interests of the city. A native of Russia, he was born August 15, 1885, in Lithuania, where the days of his boyhood and youth were spent. His parents, David and Ida Kamenetzky, immigrated

from Lithuania to the United States in 1901, locating in Cleveland, where both are still living, the father being successfully engaged in the hardware business.

Brought up and educated in his native land, Abraham Kamenetzky, following in the footsteps of his parents, came to Ohio in 1904, arriving in Cleveland on August 14th. A short time later he entered the employ of I. Shapiro & Sons, wholesale dealers in house furnishings, and remained with that firm as clerk and salesman for a number of seasons. Coming to Youngstown in 1911, he established the Youngstown Notion & Specialty Company, which he managed alone for two months. Entering into partnership in 1912 with Louis Regenstreich, he organized the R. & K. Specialty Company, which has been exceedingly prosperous, its trade being extensive and constantly increasing in volume and in value.

Mr. Kamenetzky married, in December, 1912, Hattie J. Halper, of Cleveland.

Frank F. Bentley. Among the men of the Mahoning Valley whose careers as business men and citizens reflect credit upon the community is Frank F. Bentley, of Warren and Niles. As a manufacturer he has been closely identified with the industrial history of Niles for twenty years, and as a citizen he has been prominent in the civic and social affairs of Warren for almost the same length of time.

Mr. Bentley is descended from one of the very earliest families of the Mahoning Valley, a family which has figured prominently in the history of the Valley for four generations, from pioneer days down to the present time, and Benjamin Bentley, great-grandfather to the present generation, was the pioneer. He was a native of Connecticut, born in 1756, and came to Western Pennsylvania near the close of the eighteenth century, settling in the then wilderness where the present City of Sharon stands. In 1806 he removed to Trumbull County and settled on his farm on North Centre Road, in what is now Brookfield Township, and he built the first frame barn in this section of Ohio. He died on his farm in October in 1818.

James Bentley, son of Benjamin, and grandfather to the present generation, was himself a pioneer of the Mahoning Valley. He was born at Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1798, and was the first white child to be born in the Shenango Valley. He came into Trumbull County wtih his parents in 1806, and grew to manhood on the family homestead in Brookfield Township. He was prominent in the affairs of his township, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. He took the census of the south half of Trumbull County in 1840, before Mahoning County was organized. He was prominent in Masonry, and the charter for old Hartford Lodge was secured through his efforts. At the time of his death he was probably the oldest Mason in Ohio. He married Temperance Buttles, who was born in Connecticut, and came with her parents, Benoni and Mary Buttles, to Brookfield Township in 1817.

Anson G. Bentley, son of James and Temperance Bentley, and father to the present generation, was born on the Bentley farm in Brookfield on December 25, 1824. His early life was spent on his father's farm during summers and going to school of winters. In 1853 he gathered together his possessions and started for the gold fields of California. He located in Nevada City, where he remained for five years, meeting with satisfactory results. He returned to the old home in Brookfield in 1858, but soon thereafter he settled in Youngstown, where he became prominent in business affairs. He conducted a lumber business for one year, and for a number of years he was interested in the flour milling business. He assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Youngstown in 1863, which bank was the third one chartered under the National Banking Act. Mr. Bentley was for many years vice president and a director of the First National.

In 1869 he removed to the City of Niles, where with two associates he established the banking house of Wick, Bentley and Company. In 1879 that association was succeeded by the banking house of A. G. Bentley and Company.

On August 15, 1858, Anson G. Bentley was united in marriage wtih Mary Amelia Ingraham, who was born in New York State, the daughter of the Rev. Samuel W. Ingraham, a Methodist minister, who removed from Chautauqua County, New York, to Brookfield. Mr. Bentley died in 1901, his widow surviving him until 1915.

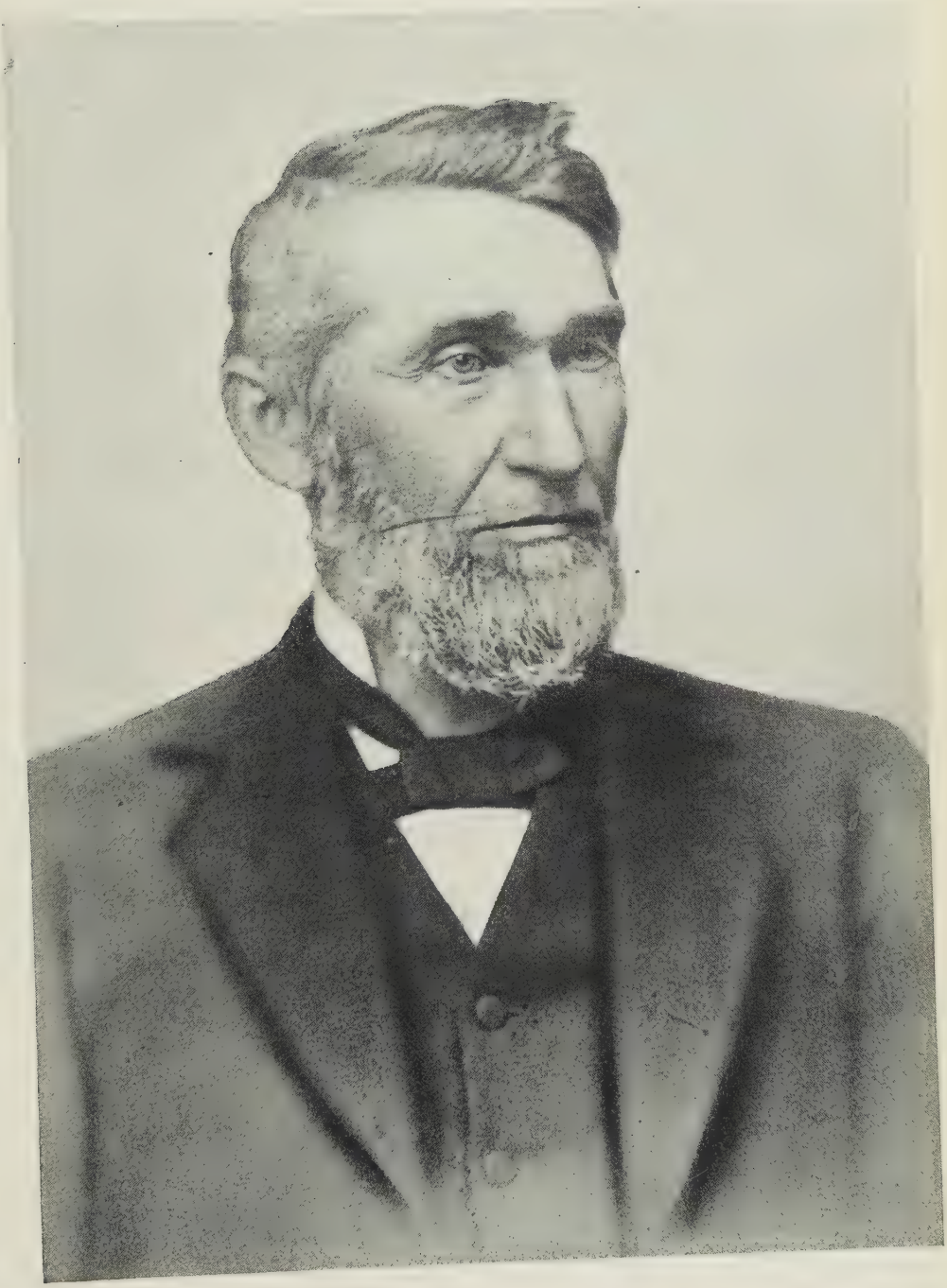
Frank F. Bentley, son of Anson G. and Mary Amelia Bentley, was born at Youngstown on July 28, 1867. He is a product of the Mahoning Valley and his entire life has been spent within its limits.

Mr. Bentley attended the public schools of Niles and as a young man he learned the plumbing and tin-smith trades and worked at them in Niles for twelve years, during which time he established a business of his own. In association with his brother Anson J., Mr. Bentley organized and incorporated the Ohio Galvanizing and Manufacturing Company, of which he became president and so continues. The business has been developed from year to year until at the present time the Ohio Galvanizing and Manufacturing Company is one of the important industrial enterprises of the valley, with trade connections ramifying the valley and extending into other states.

Mr. Bentley has had his home at Warren since 1908, and he has played a very public-spirited part in the affairs of this city ever since. He organized the Warren Automobile Club, was its first president, and his administration of the club's affairs during the World war gained the organization particular distinction. This club became one of the chief units in all lines of patriotic and war work in Trumbull County, and its methods were quickly adopted by automobile clubs all over the country. In June, 1920, he was elected president of the Ohio State Automobile Association, an organization comprising all of the automobile clubs of the state, totaling a membership of over 40,000.

Mr. Bentley was also the organizer of the Warren Rotary Club, and one of the directors for several years. He is a member of the Country Club and of the Youngstown Club, and is active in the Warren Board of Trade and the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Bentley's success in business has been won



A. G. Bartley

by progressive methods, close application and strict integrity, backed up with fine executive ability and a genius for organization. His prominence as a citizen is due to his keen interest in the affairs of the city and a willingness to at all times give his time and means to promote the interests of the community. His sterling characteristics have gained and held for him the warm friendship of many and the admiration of all who know him.

Mr. Bentley married Joan Walsh, who was born in Youngstown, the daughter of Patrick Walsh, an old-time resident of that city.

Robert H. Jacobs. Thoroughly conversant with the lumber business, familiar with all its requirements, both for its safe conduct and its further advancement, Robert H. Jacobs, of Youngstown, is eminently fitted for the responsible positions of vice president and general manager of the Union Wholesale Lumber Company, positions that he is ably and satisfactorily filling. He was born June 29, 1874, in Youngstown, which is also the birthplace of his father, Orrin Jacobs, whose birth occurred in 1842. His mother, whose name before marriage was Malvina Gerwig, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1847, but was brought up and educated in Youngstown, where both she and her husband are still residing.

Having received his diploma at the Rayen High School in 1893, Robert H. Jacobs read law for two years, obtaining legal knowledge that has since been of value to him. From 1896 until 1900 he was recorder in the mill of the Ohio Steel Works, and the ensuing five years, in partnership with B. M. Campbell, dealt in real estate, doing business principally in South Side lands, opening up and subdividing all land from Williamson Avenue to, and including, the South High School property. When the Jacobs Lumber Company was incorporated in 1906 Mr. Jacobs was made treasurer. In 1916 that firm sold out to the Union Wholesale Lumber Company, which at that time also absorbed the Youngstown Lumber Company, the Iron City Lumber Company, the B. C. Tibbetts Lumber Company, the G. N. Reed Lumber Company, of East Youngstown, the W. H. Palmer Lumber Company and the Lowellville Lumber Company. Mr. Jacobs was prominent in organizing the Union Wholesale Lumber Company, which was accomplished in April, 1916, and of which he was made treasurer. In January, 1919, he had the honor of being elected vice president and general manager of the concern, which is one of the largest and most important of its kind in the county or state, its operations at the present time being confined to the lumber business.

Mr. Jacobs is also officially connected with various other concerns, being a director of the Harvard Lumber Company of Cleveland, Ohio; secretary and treasurer of the Jacobs Realty Company, which handles land at Stop 25 on the Youngstown and Sharon street car line; treasurer of the Jacobs Lumber Company; and a director of the Commercial National Bank.

Mr. Jacobs married, in 1908, Miss Florence Ferver, of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, who was graduated as a nurse from the Youngstown City Hospital in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have three children, namely: Helen Harris, Baler Campbell and Marjorie.

William G. Dingledy in the last year or two has developed an important and thriving industry at Hubbard as a lumber dealer and manufacturer of builders' supplies. While he is comparatively new in this community he has had almost a lifelong experience in lumber manufacture, being a member of the well known and prominent Dingledy family of Youngstown, who have been lumbermen and contractors going back to the early days of the city.

William G. Dingledy was born at Youngstown September 16, 1883, son of George H. and Mary (Peters) Dingledy. The late George H. Dingledy was a man of distinct achievement in the citizenship of Youngstown, born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He came to the United States about 1854, learned the carpenter's trade in Buffalo, and in 1863 came to Youngstown, drawn hither by the presence of some old friends. Beginning with almost no capital, and while employed at his trade, he opened a lumber yard about 1865, entered the contracting business, and continued that line until about 1900. He built up a large and prosperous lumber business, both as a dealer and manufacturer. George H. Dingledy died at Youngstown August 22, 1899, and he had used his opportunities to such advantage that his estate was one of the largest probated in the county up to that time. He had served a term in the City Council and was otherwise active in good citizenship. Besides his yards he operated planing mills and manufactured practically all the sash, door and other interior finish required in his own contracting business and to supply other contractors and builders. The old Dingledy home is on Summit Avenue in Youngstown. Mary Peters, the wife of George H. Dingledy, is still living at Youngstown and was brought from Germany as a child by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Peters, who became farmers in Boardman Township. George H. Dingledy was a charter member and for many years actively affiliated with the Martin Luther Church on Wood Street in Youngstown. He and his wife had a family of five sons and two daughters: Henry J., a Youngstown contractor; Caroline, wife of Charles S. Schumtz, a resident of Youngstown but manager of a cement plant at Bessemer, Pennsylvania; William G.; Carl F., a salesman living at Youngstown; Fred, a Youngstown real estate man; George H., Jr., a farmer; and Marie, wife of L. Calvin Jones, who is in the insurance and bond business at Youngstown.

The business established by the late George H. Dingledy continued as the Dingledy Lumber Company until May, 1919, when it was sold to the Sharp Lumber Company. William G. Dingledy practically grew up in the business and had its active management from 1915 until it was sold in May, 1919. At that date he came to Hubbard and bought the Enterprise Box Company, and is now sole proprietor of the business, which his ability and experience have made an important asset of Hubbard's commercial affairs.

February 22, 1905, Mr. Dingledy married Isabel Leslie, daughter of J. S. Leslie, a Hubbard Town-

ship farmer. Mrs. Dingledy was born in Hubbard Township and was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage. They have two children, a daughter, Leslie, now attending school, and a son, William P.

David J. Rand. While industrial trouble has, at times, brought loss and disturbance to many large tailoring establishments at Youngstown and other points, it is a source of personal satisfaction to David J. Rand of this city that he has had no business interruptions of this kind during his many years of management. Mr. Rand is a member of the well known tailoring firm of Guttridge & Rand, of which he is secretary and general manager, having climbed step by step to this responsible place in the business world through his own industrious efforts.

David J. Rand was born in Galicia, Austria, in December, 1879, a son of Hyman and Rosie (Field) Rand, both of whom died in Austria, where the father was a small farmer. When David was thirteen years old he came to the United States and joined his uncle, Alec Field, in New York City. His first position was elevator boy in a business building, but soon afterward he began as an apprentice with a large tailoring firm, where he continued as bench tailor for several years. In 1901 he went to Chicago, where he was a tailor for a time in a big tailoring establishment, going from there to Cleveland. In that city he worked in various shops, but had not made up his mind to settle permanently in that city, when he was engaged as a tailor by a local tailoring concern of Youngstown. After one year in that capacity he was promoted to be manager of the tailor shop, a position he continued to hold with the greatest efficiency for six years. Here he gained much experience that has been useful to him ever since. In 1908 Mr. Rand became a silent partner in the firm of Guttridge, Corll & Company, and when Mr. Corll subsequently sold his interest, the firm became Guttridge & Rand, Mr. Rand becoming secretary and general manager. He has numerous additional business interests. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Mill Creek Land Company; is interested in the United Printing Company of Youngstown; is a director of the Charter Sales Motor Company of Youngstown, and officially or otherwise is concerned in important commercial activities in other directions. When Mr. Rand was entrusted with the management of the tailor shop department of the local company he was only twenty-three years old, and the tact and judgment with which he performed his duties was creditable to him as an executive as well as fellow workman. In the same spirit of justice he has been able to control large bodies of men and is held in high regard by all of his employes.

In August, 1903, Mr. Rand was married to Miss Emma Friedman, a daughter of Moses Friedman, of Youngstown, and they have two children, Arnold and Marion. Mr. Rand and family belong to the Hebrew congregation Rodef Sholem Temple. He is identified with many benevolent organizations and is an ardent supporter of movements in behalf of the Jewish Welfare Board. He is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and as an appointee of this body has served with much efficiency on a number of committees. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. When Mr. Rand came to the United States he left three brothers in Austria, all of whom he induced to join him. One of these, Samuel, is deceased, but Isadore and Harry are in his employ at Youngstown.

W. Manning Kerr. In writing of the industrial development of the Mahoning Valley during the last decade it is interesting also to write something of the careers of the men whose efforts have made possible this remarkable development, and one of these men is W. Manning Kerr, president and treasurer of the Ohio Corrugating Company of Warren.

Mr. Kerr is a product of the Mahoning Valley, and has spent his entire life among the haze and smoke of the valley. He is descended from two pioneer families of Trumbull County. His paternal grandfather, Zachariah Kerr, was a native of Pennsylvania, from whence he came to Ohio in early days and became an early settler of New Niles, and for whom "Kerr's Corners" were named. He operated a sawmill for a number of years at Kerr's Corners, and there he also served as justice of the peace for many years. The maternal grandfather, John Cessna, was also an early settler at Kerr's Corners, he also having come to Ohio from Pennsylvania.

James M. Kerr, father of W. Manning Kerr, was born at Kerr's Corners in 1859, and for over forty years was an engineer on the Erie Railroad. He married Linnie Cessna, who was born at Kerr's Corners. Both parents of W. Manning are still living, the father having retired from railroading in 1914.

W. Manning Kerr was born on the Cessna homestead at Riverside, just outside of the city limits of Niles, on March 2, 1882, and was educated in the Niles High School and at the Warren Business College. In 1902 he began his business career as collector and stenographer for the City National Bank of Niles. When the Dollar Savings Bank of Niles was organized Mr. Kerr became assistant cashier of that bank, and was later made assistant secretary and treasurer, and so continued until in January, 1915, at which time he resigned from the bank to become president and treasurer of the Ohio Corrugating Company at Warren, which company he had organized, and which has grown into one of the largest steel barrel plants in the United States.

Mr. Kerr is still interested in the banking business, and has important connections with several of the well-known financial institutions. He is a member of the board of directors of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company of Warren, and the Trumbull Banking Company of Girard. He is also a director in the American Zinc Products Company of Greencastle, Indiana, and a director of the Fort Smith Spelter Company of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade and the Niles Chamber of Commerce, and he belongs to the Warren Country and Niles clubs, and to the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Niles, of which city he is a resident.

Mr. Kerr may be termed a self-made man, for he owes his position in the industrial and banking world to his own efforts, backed up with ability, application and his ambition to succeed.

Isaac G. Monroe, who was recently appointed street superintendent of the City of Youngstown, Ohio, has been active in more than one phase of the affairs of that city during recent years. For fifteen years he was a responsible official of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and for many years has taken close interest in political affairs in Youngstown. He has been a factor of influence in republican circles in the city, and it was mainly through his efforts and initiative that a body of citizens formed association to urge Mayor Warnock to accept nomination for mayoral office, in the republican interest.

He was born in Putney Township, Belmont County, Ohio, August 5, 1880, the son of Capt. William and Melvina (Fish) Monroe. William W. Monroe followed maritime occupations, and during his later years was a captain of steam boats trading between Pittsburg and Cincinnati. He died in 1887, while still in his early prime, being then only thirty-seven years old. Capt. William W. Monroe and his wife were both members of the Church of the Disciples, and were the parents of four children. The children, in order of birth, were: Harry B., who now lives in Florida, but who formerly was an ironmoulder in the Youngstown mills; Hattie M., who married Albert P. Deafenbaugh, of Bellaire, Ohio; Isaac G., the subject of this article, and regarding whom more follows; and Edward S., who has had responsible connection with many of the leading American circus organizations, and has now settled in York, Nebraska.

Isaac G. as a young boy attended school in Bellaire, Ohio, but the death of his father in 1887 seriously interfered with the plans of his parents for his education. He was only seven years old when his father died, and at the age of eight years was obliged almost to earn his own living, which he did by selling newspapers. He was only eleven years old when he began working steadily in a glass factory, and at thirteen he entered the Bessemer department of an iron works. He has been connected with the iron and steel industry ever since, or at least until he became a member of the city administration. A fortunate dismissal, the cause of which he did not know, induced Isaac G. Monroe to come to Youngstown to seek employment with the Republic Iron and Steel Company. He was readily given a position, and one of greater consequence than that from which he had been discharged, and he has ever since remained in the service of the Republic Company. Since he first came, in 1905, Mr. Monroe has received many promotions, and until he was appointed to the municipal office he held a responsible position in the converting department, and there is every reason to suppose that should he at any time relinquish his city appointment and desire to again resume his old connection with the Republic Company he would be gladly reinstated in his former office of responsibility.

Mr. Monroe is affiliated with many fraternal organizations, being a member of the Western Star lodge of the Masonic order, belonging to both the Scottish and York Rites, and also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

In political affairs he has always given staunch allegiance to the republican party, and of late years has come somewhat prominently to the fore as an organizer. He was especially interested in initiating the movement by which Mayor Warnock was induced to enter the contest for mayoral office; and it may be assumed that Mr. Monroe was equally as effective in gaining support for the mayor in the actual contest. Although he also has gained office in the administration of Mayor Warnock, there is not much reason to suppose that he is not amply fitted for such office. As a matter of fact, he is generally known in Youngstown as a man of distinct capability, which of course is but to be expected of a man who in a life of only thirty-nine years has spent more than thirty years in business affairs. He is still an active, aggressive man, in the early prime of life, and is popular, so that he will probably find good scope for public service in future years.

Mr. Monroe was married in 1910 to Margaret Isabel, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Sunday) Slater, of Syracuse, New York.

Mathew Logan was one of the forceful men of the Youngstown district for a long period of years. His business as a railroad and street contractor identified him with many phases of modern development, and his name is also intimately associated with public affairs in Mahoning County.

He was born in the state of New York March 15, 1828, and died April 15, 1902. His parents, Hugh and Rose (McKenna) Logan, were natives of County Londonderry, Ireland. Hugh Logan, a blacksmith by trade, came with his family to America in 1827, and for a number of years lived in Greece Township, Monroe County, New York, where Hugh died in 1849 at the age of sixty-two. His widow survived until 1866 and was seventy-two years of age at the time of her death. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church.

Fourth among the children of his parents, Mathew Logan grew up and achieved his early successes in business and public affairs at Rochester, New York. He acquired a public school education, and during school vacations gained his first knowledge of public contracting while water boy to workmen engaged on public construction. He apparently had a natural faculty for doing large construction work and handling men, and as a contractor his business steadily expanded. In the spring of 1862 he moved to Greenville, Pennsylvania, and the following November came to Youngstown to take charge of the railroad works of William Mather. With the exception of about eighteen months spent in Columbiana County, Youngstown was his home the rest of his life. Here he became widely known in the building and improvement of streets, in the construction of railroads, and was a man of unquestionable integrity in both private and public life.

He was a democrat in politics, was always keenly interested in political issues, and his influence was far reaching. Among other positions he was called upon to fill was that of sheriff of Mahoning County, while for four terms he was mayor of the City of Youngstown. While a resident of Rochester, New York, he was United States Marshal of the Western

District of that state, and as early as 1858 served as collector of taxes.

The married life of Mathew Logan was one of unusual felicity. He married Miss Eliza J. Smith in 1865. Her parents were Enoch and Caroline (Weaver) Smith. Two children were born to their marriage: Carrie, Mrs. John Shaw; and Mary S. Mrs. Logan for many years has been an earnest worker and member of the Episcopal Church, and is loved in Youngstown for her many acts of unostentatious charity. Mr. Logan was a member of the Masonic fraternity and had attained the Knight Templars degree, and was much interested in the order.

George J. Smith, M. D. The City of Niles was inexpressibly shocked by the tragic death of Dr. George J. Smith on February 5, 1918, when an Erie train struck his car as he was driving over the North Main Street crossing. His death was a distinct loss to his profession and also to the many important interests with which he had been affiliated at Niles and elsewhere.

Doctor Smith was born at Cincinnati, May 8, 1875, and is a member of an old southern family, son of Col. Henry and Margaret (Lundy) Smith. His parents reside at Birmingham, Alabama, his father having reached the age of seventy-seven and his mother sixty-seven. Colonel Smith served in an Alabama regiment in the Confederate army. For many years he was active in business as a general contractor, and though he had his home in Cincinnati for a time, most of his life has been spent in Birmingham. Colonel Smith had three sons: Harry, a merchant at Birmingham; Charles K., deceased; and George J.

His many friends and associates have always regarded the late Doctor Smith as a perfect specimen of physical, mental and moral manhood. He was a brilliant scholar, but also exhibited a proficiency in practically everything he ever took up. While he acquired his preliminary education in Birmingham, at the age of fourteen he and his brother Harry were sent to Pittsburgh to be given the very best of advantages. He graduated from the Pittsburgh High School, also attended the Curry Institute, and at the age of seventeen completed his literary studies in the University of Pittsburgh. He prepared for his profession in the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, graduating in 1899. Altogether he received four degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and its affiliated schools. He also did much post-graduate study at Philadelphia and elsewhere. Doctor Smith was widely known as a skillful surgeon and able physician, was a member of all the prominent medical societies, and was one of the pension examiners at Niles. After graduating he served as an interne in St. Francis Hospital at Pittsburgh, and then came to Niles, where he had a large and profitable practice.

He was very athletic and was a member of his university football team. He was always known as a skillful and prudent driver, and for that reason his tragic death seems to have been one of those inevitable things connected with human destiny.

July 19, 1900, Doctor Smith married Catherine C. McLaughlin, who was born at Rochester, Pennsylvania, daughter of Patrick and Matilda McLaughlin. Mrs. Smith had the intellectual and social qualifications to be an admirable companion for her talented husband. She graduated from high school, also from St. Xavier's in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Smith was head of a committee and otherwise active in the building of the McKinley Memorial at Niles. She is a member of the Red Cross, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Pittsburgh Musical Club, and in many ways was a leader in war activities at Niles. Both she and her husband were actively identified with St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Doctor Smith was a republican and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Orrin Jacobs. As a coal operator, lumber dealer, farmer, stock raiser and a dealer in real estate, Orrin Jacobs, of Youngstown, has accomplished a most satisfactory work, and is now living retired from active pursuits on East Federal Street, near Watt Street, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil. He was born in this city August 13, 1842, a son of Philip Jacobs, who was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, while his wife, who before marriage was Sallie Kimmel, was a native of Youngstown, being of pioneer stock. Philip Jacobs was one of the early general merchants of Youngstown, having a well stocked store on East Federal Street for many years.

Educated in the common schools, Orrin Jacobs clerked in his father's store until sixteen years old, when his father bought and turned over to him an interest in a coal bank at Hubbard. In 1863 Joe Jackson and Ebenezer Jackson were partners with Mr. Jacobs, and they sold their interests to J. G. Butler and Frank Williams, who bought the interest in the coal bank, and the young operator returned to Youngstown. Subsequently Mr. Jacobs, with his father, opened a coal bank on the Thorn farm, the present site of the Oak Hill Cemetery, and operated it five years, when, in 1870, it was worked out. There having been no railroads in this vicinity at that time, the coal was hauled by teams to the Eagle and Himrod furnaces.

Mr. Jacobs, his father, and his brother Millard then opened another coal bank near Hubbard, continuing his residence, however, in Youngstown, and driving back and forth to Hubbard with a horse and buggy, that having been before the day of automobiles. He continued operating in coal until 1890, during which time he and his brother Millard raised, bought and sold horses on their estate, known far and wide as the Jacobs Brothers Stock Farm, which has been platted and subdivided by the Jacobs Realty Company. One of the original stockholders of the Jacobs Lumber Company, which he helped organize, Mr. Jacobs was actively associated with its management until his retirement, as above mentioned, in 1915.

Mr. Jacobs married, October 31, 1867, Malvina Gerwig, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but came with her parents to Youngstown when but three years old. Five children blessed their union, namely: Oscar, of Cleveland, a lumber dealer; Ed-

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ward, superintendent of the plants of the Union Wholesale Lumber Company, which was organized by Mr. Jacobs as the Jacobs Lumber Company; Robert, vice president of the same company, now the Union Wholesale Lumber Company; Mrs. Robert J. Mullally, or Betsey K., now wife of Robert J. Mullally, of Youngstown, assistant general manager of the Brier Hill Steel Company; and Minnie G. of Youngstown. Mr. Jacobs is one of the most esteemed and loyal citizens of Youngstown, it being his boast that he was never out of the city more than four years.

Mr. Jacobs has been a Mason for fifty-four years. He has never mixed in politics, is a republican, and since supporting Lincoln in his second term has voted for every republican president.

H. Hugh Wickham, who has been a resident of Youngstown since February, 1909, is a lawyer with a broad and varied range of experience and one of the valued members of the firm Henderson, Wickham, Maiden & Barrett.

While his active career has been spent in the Middle East, Mr. Wickham is a native of Iowa, born in Hardin County, that state, September 7, 1880. He is a son of J. W. and Mollie E. (Speer) Wickham, both residents of Des Moines. His father since 1886 has been manager of the Iowa Homestead, one of the oldest agricultural periodicals of the West.

Henry Hugh Wickham grew up from infancy at Des Moines, graduated from the high school there, and finished his literary education in Highland Park College. He took his law course in Yale University, graduating in 1903. For over five years his home was at Pittsburgh, where he had charge of the litigation and claims department of the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company. On coming to Youngstown he practiced alone for two years, and was then associated with the Realty Trust Company until December, 1914. He then practiced alone until January 1, 1917. At that date he became a member of his present firm, an organization of lawyers enjoying front rank in the profession and the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Wickham is a republican in politics and a member of the Masonic fraternity. October 10, 1906, he married Miss Anna McGough. They have one son, Pat.

Edmond H. Moore is one of the most prominent members of the Ohio bar. Distinguished honors have been bestowed upon him, and he has capably discharged the added responsibilities as few men could, and declined many others offered him, because he felt he could not accept them and do justice to the duties already at hand. He was born in Mahoning County on October 16, 1862, a son of Alexander F. and Elizabeth (Van Dalsem) Moore.

Alexander F. Moore was born at Milton, Mahoning County, Ohio, a son of William Moore, who came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1810, to Mahoning County, Ohio, and was here engaged in farming. It was on his father's farm that Alexander F. Moore was reared, in the meanwhile attending the neighboring schools. He read law at Canfield, the old county seat of Mahoning County, with Samuel Gilson, and after being admitted to the bar practiced his profession at Canfield, Ottawa and finally at Youngstown. During his last year he lived in retirement, dying at Canfield, to which place he returned in 1893. He was prominent in democratic circles and at one time was elected mayor of Canfield on the ticket of his party. A man of exceptional ability as a lawyer and a brilliant orator, he rose to a prominent height in his profession.

Edmond H. Moore is one of the two children born to his parents, and after being graduated from the Rayen High School of Youngstown, when only seventeen years of age, began teaching school, and was so engaged for a period of eleven years. In the meanwhile he read law, and was admitted to the bar when he was only twenty-one years of age. In 1891 he began to practice his profession at Youngstown, and has been so engaged ever since with the exception of the time occupied by him in holding office. At present he is senior member of the legal firm of Moore, Barnum & Hammond. In 1896 Mr. Moore was elected on the democratic ticket mayor of Youngstown, and was re-elected in 1898, serving in all four years. In May, 1911, he was appointed state superintendent of insurance by Governor Harmon, but resigned in February, 1914. He has been democratic national committeeman from Ohio from 1912 to the present time, and is recognized as one of the strongest men of his party in this part of the state. Mr. Moore belongs to the Youngstown Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

In November, 1890, he was married to Miss Emma McKinney, of Petersburg, Ohio, who died in 1903, leaving two children, Harold T. and Mark E. Both of these boys served in the great war. Harold was a lieutenant of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Machine Gun Battalion, and served in France, participating in the campaigns in the Argonne Forest and Belgium. Mark was a sergeant in the Sixteenth Heavy Coast Artillery, and saw service in the campaigns of Saint Mihiel and the Argonne Forest.

Mr. Moore was married secondly on November 9, 1905, to Miss Martha Reznor, who died on August 26, 1918.

Ralph E. Cornelius. It cannot be other than interesting to note in the series of personal sketches appearing in this work the varying conditions that have compassed those whose careers are outlined, and the effort has been made in each case to throw well focused light onto the individual and to bring into proper perspective the scheme of each respective career. The banks of the Mahoning Valley have ever maintained a high standing, and among the able workers in this field of endeavor is Ralph E. Cornelius, president of the Mahoning National Bank of Youngstown. With a natural predilection for this vocation and endowed with an analytical mind and ready faculty of assimilation, he has been peculiarly successful and today is numbered among the leaders in banking circles in this community.

Ralph E. Cornelius was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on May 28, 1869, and is a son of William and Mary (Swisher) Cornelius, whose only other child is a daughter, Sarah, who is the wife of

Bert C. Vaughn. William Cornelius was a native of Pennsylvania, where he lived until the subject of this sketch was about a year old, when he came to Youngstown and engaged in business pursuits. Here he was successful and also attained a good deal of prominence in local political circles, being elected to public office, serving as county treasurer of Mahoning County four years, followed by a four-year term as city commissioner. His death occurred in January, 1914. He became a director in banks and various commercial institutions, and was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. In his relations with his fellow men he was thoroughly upright and conscientious, gentlemanly, considerate and courteous in his personal and social contact.

Ralph E. Cornelius received his educational training in the Youngstown public schools, completing his studies in the Rayen High School. His first employment was as collector in the Second National Bank, with which he became connected in December, 1886, and he has ever since been identified with the banking interests of this city. He was promoted several times during his career with the Second National, finally becoming cashier of that bank, holding that position until the merger of the Second National with the First National, of which joint institution he became assistant cashier. Later, after the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings and Trust Company became affiliated, Mr. Cornelius was elected cashier of the First National Bank and trust officer of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company. In November, 1911, he became president of the Mahoning National Bank, which position he is filling at the present time, also holding the same position in relation to the Mahoning Savings and Trust Company. A man of unusual tact and soundness of judgment, he possesses also to a marked degree those other almost undefinable qualities which contribute to a man's success and make his worth appreciated by those with whom he is associated. He is recognized as a man of strong and alert mentality, deeply interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of the community along material, civic and moral lines, and for years he has been recognized as one of the progressive and representative men of his city and county.

In 1906 Mr. Cornelius was married to Helen Arms, daughter of Warner and Fannie (Wick) Arms. Mrs. Cornelius is of the ninth generation in direct descent from William Arms, a native of England, who settled at Deerfield, Massachusetts, and from whom all bearing that name in this country have sprung.

Politically Mr. Cornelius is a stanch supporter of the republican party, though he does not take an active part in political affairs. He is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Poland Country Club.

William B. Carter. The first foundry in Niles and one of the first in the Mahoning Valley was established by members of the Carter family about three-quarters of a century ago. It is as foundrymen and good business men that the Carters have expressed their best services to this community. One of them still active in the foundry business is William B. Carter, who has lived all his life in Niles.

Not far from the site of his present business he was born, November 8, 1859, son of Thomas and Truth (Bretell) Carter. His parents were natives of England, and with their son George came to the United States in the early '40s, locating at Niles, where soon afterward Thomas Carter established a foundry business. He operated this industry with considerable success for twenty years or more, though he experienced some financial reverses during the panic of 1873. While he was then quite well advanced in years, he had the courage of the pioneers, and in the hope of rebuilding some of his fortune he started west to the newly-discovered gold fields of the Black Hills of Dakota Territory. He was never heard of again by his family.

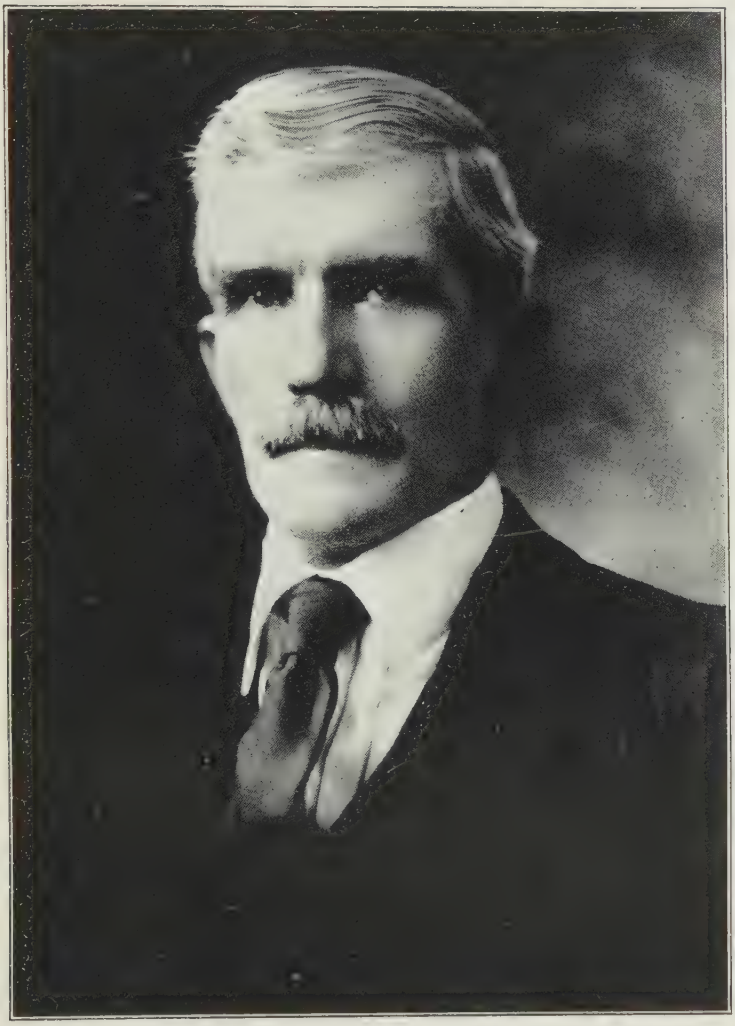
In the meantime the foundry business was continued and with ups and downs in former years it has remained in the hands of descendants. The children of Thomas Carter and wife were: George, who died shortly after the family came to America; Edward J., a resident of Warren, Ohio; John, deceased; Thomas L., William B. and Charles J., all of whom remain in Niles.

William B. Carter had rather limited opportunities to attend school during his youth. At the age of fifteen, on account of the panic and reverses in the family fortune, he had to earn his own living, and was soon working in the foundry, a trade and business that has been practically his only pursuit. Mr. Carter is now owner and manager of the Globe Foundry and Machine Company, which historically is the successor of the original establishment founded by his father. Mr. Carter has always been a worker, and outside of the routine of affairs and the performance of duties involved in good citizenship his career has been uneventful. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a republican.

In 1880 Mr. Carter married Miss Pauline Getz, of Niles. Five children were born to their marriage: Lida, who died in March, 1919, the wife of Victor Lazier; Jessie, wife of Willam Madlev; Russell, who lives at Niles and married Viola De Garmo; Florence and William McKee, both in the family home.

Norman Heindel. Since he left the home farm at North Lima, Norman Heindel has kept his mind and energies devoted to a single line of business, dealing in retail meats, and is now senior member of the very prosperous firm of Heindel Brothers at 1307 Market Street. This busy firm has been at that location for the past thirteen years, and prior to that time was at 1327 Market, Youngstown.

Norman Heindel was born in York County, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1880, a son of Joshua and Emeline (Coler) Heindel. His father, also a native of York County, was a coal miner in early days at Morgantown, where he lost a great deal of property by fire. Later he bought a farm at North Lima, Ohio, in Beaver Township, and made a specialty of growing garden truck. He continued in that business until his death in 1897, at the age of sixty-one. He and his family were members of the Reformed Church. His wife was born in Beaver Township of



William B. Carter

Mahoning County and died in 1911, at the age of sixty. They had a large family of ten children: George and Clarence, on the home farm; Clark, a farmer at North Lima; Norman and Emanuel, who comprise the firm of Heindel Brothers as above noted; Orville, a physician at Newcastle, Pennsylvania; Daniel A., a Youngstown automobile dealer; Mary, wife of George Ford, of New Springfield, Ohio; Dorothy, wife of David Whitmore, at New Springfield; and Samantha, deceased.

Norman Heindel was educated in the high school at North Lima and learned a great deal about farming before he left the farm at the age of seventeen. He then learned the trade of butcher with C. T. Geiger, and served a long apprenticeship with very little pay. For three and a half years he was a member of the firm Heindel & Hahn, and since then has had his younger brother, Emanuel, as his business associate.

Mr. Heindel married in 1905 Miss Goldie Sigle, daughter of Charles Sigle, a Youngstown florist. Their son, Earl, is now eleven years of age. The family are members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Heindel is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Youngstown, Youngstown Chapter Royal Arch Masons, also Beuchner Council, and St. John's Commandery Knights Templar, and Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Robert E. Johnson Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

William Bakody. While a resident of Youngstown the greater part of his life and himself connected for some years with some of the local industries, William Bakody has contributed his best work and service to the Mahoning Valley through the rare skill and abilities he exercised as a breeder of Holstein cattle. The dairy industry of Northeastern Ohio owes a permanent debt to William Bakody.

Mr. Bakody was born in Akron, Ohio, January 5, 1869, son of John and Elizabeth (Reasen) Bakody, who soon after his birth removed to Youngstown. John Bakody was a native of Hungary, and a member of a titled family of that country and was a participant in the revolution of 1848. When that movement met with defeat he came to the United States with the noted Kossuth. He was well educated, but came to this country practically without means. He lived for some years at Mansfield, Ohio, and later conducted a jewelry business at Akron until his establishment was swept away by fire. On coming to Youngstown he continued the jewelry business, at first in the old Eagle Drug Store, then in the Fisher restaurant, and finally on North Phelps Street. One of his apprentices was John Brenner, well known in Youngstown. John Bakody, who died in 1910, at the age of eighty-two, was one of the prominent characters of Youngstown. He became well versed in the English language after reaching this country, and enjoyed the friendship of the best people. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Christ, and a very religious man. He was one of the founders of the church of his denomination at Girard and always kept a membership there. His wife, Elizabeth Reasen, was born in Switzerland and was about twelve years of age when her parents came to America and settled at Akron. She is still living at the age of eighty, and her home has been at High Street and West Avenue for the past fifty years. She and her husband had a large family of children. John died at the age of twenty-nine. Emlen has a nation-wide reputation as a photographer and collector of rare violins, and is a resident of Cleveland. Charles is a successful musician at Washington, Pennsylvania. The next in age is William Bakody. Emma is the wife of John Metzger, of Youngstown. Joseph, who died in Youngstown at the age of thirty, was a jewelry merchant in New York City. Sadie lives with her mother. Samuel is a fruit grower at Hamilton, Ontario. Edward is in the jewelry business at Ponca City, Oklahoma, while T. W. Bakody is a well known Youngstown tailor. Gertrude is a talented musician, spent two years in completing her studies in Italy and is a teacher of vocal music in New York City.

William Bakody graduated from the West Side School at the age of sixteen. He spent three years in the laboratory of the Brown-Bonnell plant, and had fifteen years of varied commercial experience both in the South and West. Eventually he discovered and concentrated upon his special genius, as a livestock breeder. He was a constant student of everything connected with his business, and has that rare judgment amounting to genius in the handling of livestock. Mr. Bakody for twenty years continued his business on the Idora place, formerly consisting of 150 acres, and originally the property of the Youngstown pioneer John Lanterman. Four acres of this old farm are now occupied by Idora Park. Eight and a half acres have been acquired by Wick Brothers, while Mr. Bakody retains three and a half acres as his small home place, all the rest having become part of the City of Youngstown.

Here, at the height of his business career, Mr. Bakody owns a Hollanderry herd consisting of registered Holsteins, and famous all over the United States. Mr. Bakody kept in close touch with the State University and agricultural experiment stations and his own experiences and work were a valuable contribution to the researches of these institutions. He has always taken an active interest in local and state politics and is a republican.

In 1900 he married Mrs. Una Simon, daughter of Colonel Foster and widow of Hosea Simon. By her former marriage she has two children. Her daughter, Florence, is now finishing her education at Goucher College in Baltimore. Willard, a student at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, is, like his sister, a graduate of the South High School. Willard during the World war was with the Thirty-Seventh Division, and was on the battle line in France, participating in the Argonne offensive.

James B. Kennedy. The life of the scholarly or professional man seldom exhibits any of those striking incidents that seize upon public feeling and attract attention to himself. His character is generally made up of the aggregate qualities and qualifications he may possess, as these may be elicited by the exercise of the duties of his vocation or the particular

profession to which he may belong. But when such a man has so impressed his individuality upon his fellow men as to gain their confidence and through that confidence rise to important public position, he becomes a conspicuous figure in the body politic of the community. The subject of this review, one of the scholarly and able men of his community, forged to the front in one of the most exacting of professions and also earned an honorable reputation as a leader in business and financial circles. Because of his earnest life, high attainments, well rounded character and large influence, he is eminently entitled to representation in a work of the character of the one in hand.

James B. Kennedy was born in Youngstown on November 20, 1863, and is the son of John R. and Elizabeth (Byrd) Kennedy, and the grandson of James and Sarah (Reed) Kennedy. James Kennedy was a native of Pennsylvania and was a farmer by vocation. In 1804 with his father he came to Ohio and located on the banks of Dry Run in Mahoning County, some three miles from Youngstown. Here he opened up a pioneer farm, which he operated during the remainder of his life. He was known as "Squire" Kennedy, having been elected to the office of justice of the peace. He was a United Presbyterian in his religious belief. His death occurred in 1872.

John R. Kennedy was born in 1820 and died on December 25, 1869. During his active years he became closely identified with the iron industry and helped to build a number of iron works, notably those at Brier Hill, Wheatland, Sharon, Hasleton and elsewhere. In early days he served as a county commissioner. For a number of years he also conducted a cabinet-making and undertaking business under the firm name of J. R. & J. C. Kennedy, under the personal management of the latter. To him and his wife were born two children, David S. and James B. The former was connected with the Homestead Steel Works of the Carnegie group at Homestead, Pennsylvania, for thirty-five years.

James B. Kennedy was reared in Youngstown until after his father's death, when he went to live with his grandfather, and after the latter's death he was reared by his uncle, Thomas W. Kennedy, his guardian. He received his elementary education in the public schools and in Poland Union Seminary, Poland, Ohio. He completed his educational training in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and then, having determined to devote his life to the legal profession, he read law under the direction of Homer E. Stewart at Warren, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1885 and at once entered upon the active practice of his profession at Youngstown, where he was soon recognized as a keen and sagacious lawyer. In 1889 he was elected prosecuting attorney, serving two consecutive terms, or six years in all. In 1896 he was elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in which position he gained an excellent reputation as an able and just judge, but in 1899 he resigned from the bench and resumed the practice of his profession, in partnership with C. D. Hine, under the firm name of Hine & Kennedy, the firm now being known as Hine, Kennedy, Manchester, Conroy & Ford. Of late years Mr. Kennedy as executive head has been giving his undivided attention to directing the affairs of the Brier Hill Steel Company. He had charge of the legal phase of the organization of that company in 1912, has acted as general counsel continually since that time, and in 1917 ws elected chairman of the board of directors. He is also vice president of the Commercial National Bank and various other institutions, and has been president of the Youngstown Northern Railroad Company since its organization.

Judge Kennedy was married on March 4, 1884, to Roxanna Rice, of Poland, Ohio, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Dudley R., Florence Byrd, who is the wife of H. J. Stambaugh, Jr., and David Francis. Mrs. Roxanna Kennedy died in 1895, and in 1897 Judge Kennedy was married to Mary Swift Young, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Judge Kennedy is an active supporter of the republican party and takes a keen interest in public affairs. As before suggested, Judge Kennedy made a most excellent record while on the Common Pleas bench of Mahoning County. His qualifications for that exalted office are unquestionable, as he possesses, first, integrity of character, and, secondly, the natural ability and essential acquirements, the acumen of the judicial temperament. No labor was too great, however onerous; no application too exacting, however severe, if necessary to the complete understanding and correct determination of a question, and during his altogether too brief incumbency the judge proved himself a distinct man in all the term implies, and its implication is wide. He is considered a safe and sound practitioner, his pleas being eloquent in the clearness of statement, the broad common sense of reasoning, the force of logic, earnestness and power, while he has never been known to fail in that strict courtesy and regard for professional ethics which should ever characterize the members of the bar. He is universally recognized as a splendid citizen and one of Youngstown's leading men of affairs.

Jesse N. Baldwin, of Niles, represents one of the very prominent pioneer families of the Mahoning Valley.

His grandfather, Eli Baldwin, came to Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1800 from New Milford, Connecticut. The lands of the Western Reserve were then just being parceled out and sold, and in the transaction he was special agent for Elijah Boardman, who was agent for the sale of lands in Boardman Township. Eli Baldwin became a man of prominence not only in his immediate locality but in the state. He served as a member of the House and Senate sixteen years, and at one time lacked only a few votes of becoming governor. He married Mary Newport, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and he spent his last years in Boardman Township.

Eli Baldwin, the second, had a tendency to adventure. He was a California forty-niner, making the trip west to the gold coast by the river route and overland. On the boat going up the Missouri River the party was stricken with cholera and he helped bury many of the passengers. While crossing the plains there were many troubles with Indians, and he and his comrades suffered hunger and other hardships. He made no money in the gold fields of California and returned by way of

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the Isthmus of Panama, suffering the additional misfortune of being shipwrecked three miles from land. On returning to Ohio he resumed farming and spent his last years at Girard, whither he moved from the farm near Niles. He was a strong abolitionist, and in many respects had original ideas that set him apart from his fellow men. He married Laura Maria Folsom, and of their six children three reached mature years.

Jesse N. Baldwin was born June 15, 1857, on the farm in Weatherstield Township of Trumbull County, where he lives today. With the exception of a year spent at Seattle his entire life has been lived on that farm. He lacked formal educational advantages during his youth, and it has been largely a result of personal effort that he has become a man of thorough and exact information, and with good all around business abilities. For a time he was in the retail coal business, but his chief interest and occupation has been farimng and real estate. He is a member of the Niles Real Estate Board, served as secretary of the old Niles Board of Trade about seven years, and is a member of the present Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Baldwin married for his first wife Anna Isabel Rogers, who died July 13, 1915. She was the mother of two children, Jessie Natalie, who died in infancy, and Roger Greenwood. Mr. Baldwin's second wife is Marguerite Louise Campbell. They have two sons, John Newport and William Campbell.

G. A. Doeright, president and general manager of the Falcon Bronze Company, is one of the aggressive business men of Youngstown, who not only has always had original ideas, but the ambition, courage and perseverance to materialize them, so that he has registered astounding achievements not only in the realm of industrialism but also in politics. He was born a son of Theodore and Charlotte (Stein) Doeright, the former of whom, a native of Germany, came with his wife to the United States in 1853, locating at Youngstown, Ohio, where he followed his trade of cabinetmaking and undertaking, so continuing until his death, which occurred in 1884. He was a steady, methodical man, hard-working and thrifty. Through his excellent characteristics he gained and held the respect of those who were associated with him.

After attending the public schools of Youngstown, G. A. Doeright early became self-supporting, for his father had the old German idea of training him to be useful early in his career. Therefore before he left school he became an employe of the Youngstown Sanitary Company, and having an instinctive liking for that kind of work he continued at it following the completion of his schooldays. Working in different foundries, Mr. Doeright specialized in brass mouldings, in all of the shops having brass foundries. The idea came to him that a shop devoted exclusively to brass work would be a paying concern. After being with the Youngstown Brass Works on North Avenue for five years, Mr. Doeright felt that his savings had reached an amount which would justify his carrying out the plans he had matured, and in 1892 he founded the Falcon Bronze Works. A year later he sold a half interest to G. B. Booth, and then in 1895 the business was incorporated with a capitalization of $10,000 as the Falcon Bronze Company, G. B. Booth being the first president, G. A. Doeright, vice president, and John Todd, secretary and treasurer. In 1900 the capital stock was increased to $25,000, and since then a large surplus has been added. The present officials are: G. A. Doeright, president and general manager; R. H. Doeright, vice president; J. L. Wick, Jr., secretary; and E. E. Miller, treasurer. The company manufactures bronze and brass castings for every kind of machinery, rolling mill brasses, Falcon bronze sheet and tin mill bearings, acid metal pickling cradles, vats, rods, bolts, braces and babbitt metals. From the start the business has been a success, and Mr. Doeright has the satisfaction of proving that his idea not only was an excellent one, but practical as well.

In 1893 Mr. Doeright was united in marriage with Anna L. Evans, a daughter of Henry Evans, a pioneer of the region surrounding Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. Doeright have one son, G. A., Jr. Mr. Doeright is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Rotary Club, the Youngstown Engineers' Club, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the American Iron and Steel Institute. He is president of the Youngstown Laundry Company, vice president of the Youngstown Auto Club. and vice president of the Youngstown Garment Manufacturing Company. He also belongs to the Lutheran Church, in which he takes an active part and to whose support he is a very generous contributor. Fraternally he is an Elk, and was treasurer of the Elks Building Company. He is prominent in the Society of American Magicians, the National Conjurors Association, and similar organizations. A republican by inheritance and inclination, he became a member of the City Council in 1914, and has been thrice re-elected to that office, and served as chairman of the finance committee of that body three terms, and of the general improvement committee, the two most important committees. Mr. Doeright possesses the characteristics of efficiency, trustworthiness and absolute dependability, and while his road of advancement has not been devoid of battles, he has won out and is always able, when opportunity arises, to play upon the situation with the searchlight of broad, personal experience and knowledge of men and their motives.

Jeremiah Richard Woolley. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch has long enjoyed prestige as a leading citizen in the community where he resides, and as an official against whose record no word of suspicion has ever been uttered. For many years Mr. Woolley has been a factor in the business affairs of the Mahoning Valley. His prominence in the community is the legitimate result of genuine merit and ability, and in every relation of life, whether in the humble sphere of private citizenship or as a trusted official with many responsibilities resting upon him, his many excellencies of character and the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged his every duty have won for him an enviable reputation as an enterprising and progressive

man. In Mr. Woolley's veins flows the blood of a long line of sterling Welsh ancestors—in fact, he himself is only of the second generation of his family in the United States.

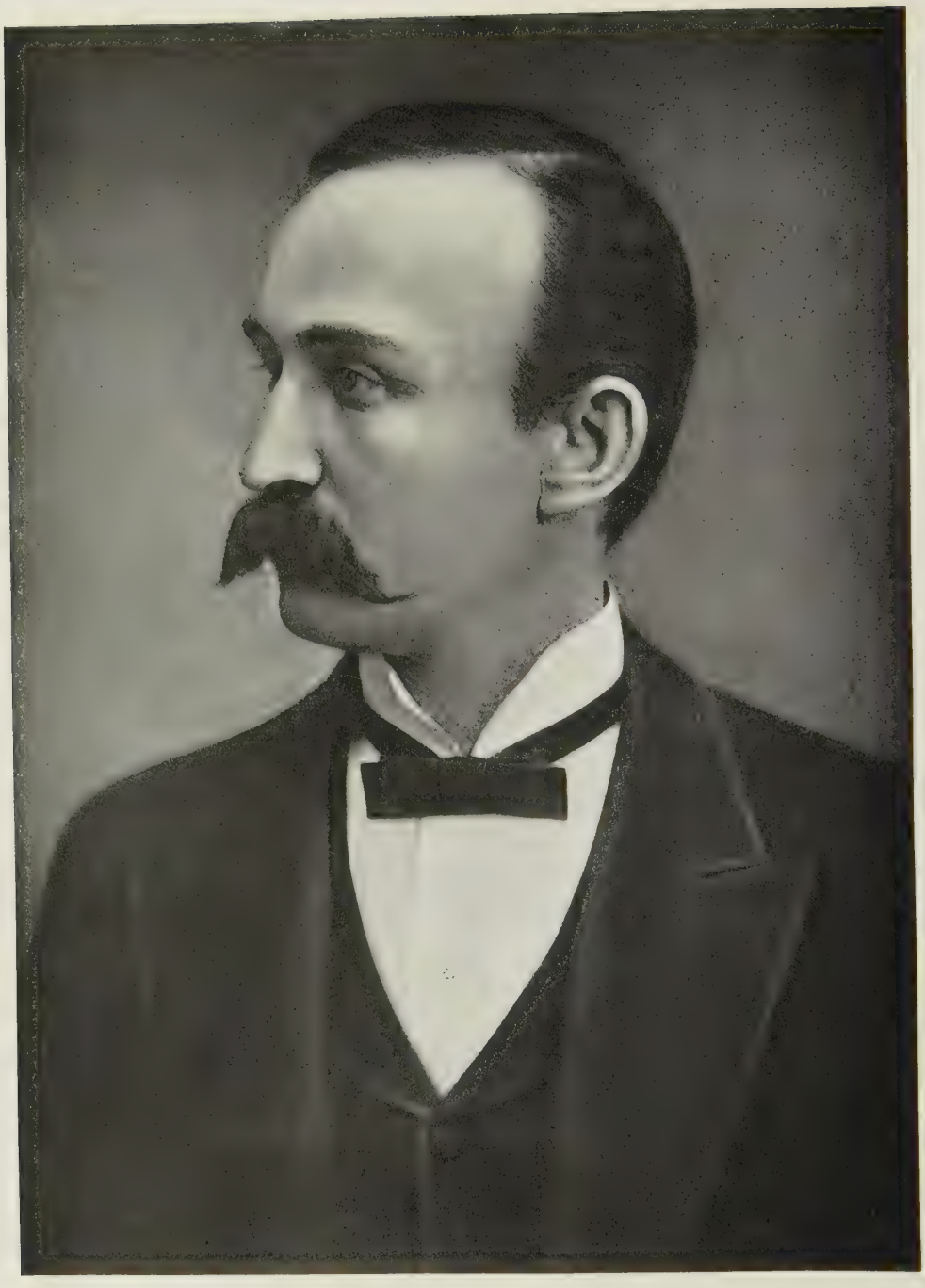
Jeremiah Richard Woolley, first vice president of the Home Savings and Loan Company and secretary of the Tod estates at Youngstown, is a native son of the old Keystone state, having been born at Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, in March, 1847. He is the son of Richard and Rachel (Williams) Woolley, the former of whom was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, in 1802, and the latter in Monmouthshire, Wales, in 1810. They were married in their native country in 1840, and shortly thereafter immigrated to the United States. Their first permanent location was at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but after a few years they moved to Great Western, later known as Brady's Bend, in Armstrong County, that state, where Richard Woolley was employed in the coal industry until 1847. He then removed to Youngstown, Ohio, where, and in the vicinity of which, he passed the remaining years of his life, his death occurring on November 9, 1874, when seventy-two years old. From 1856 to 1867 he resided on a small farm located between Brier Hill and Girard, and it was while operating that farm that he became a partner of John Stambaugh in coal mining, which they carried on extensively and successfully, and during this time he was also employed to look after the coal mining interests of Governor David Tod. He was a man of splendid qualities of character, backed by excellent business judgment, a combination of characteristics which bore fruit in the material success which rewarded his efforts in a business way. He enjoyed the admiration and respect of his business associates and the good will of all who knew him. He was survived by his widow until November 1, 1885. They were faithful and active members of the Welsh Baptist Church.

The seventh child born to these worthy parents was he whose name appears at the head of this review. Until fourteen years of age Jeremiah Richard Woolley attended school, the daily routine of his life being much the same as the average boy of that period. His first employment was as a clerk for David Johns & Company, in which concern his father had a financial interest, and later he was employed in the same capacity by John Jehu & Company, which position he resigned in order to enter a private military school at University Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. Notwithstanding his youth, he had expressed a strong desire to enter the army, and it is possible his shrewd father believed a course in a military school might satisfy that ambition. It probably did, for his subsequent career has been confined entirely to commercial pursuits. On February 4, 1867, when not yet twenty years old, he was employed by Governor Tod to take charge of the office at Tod Furnace, where he remained until 1873. In the following year he became night founder at Grace Furnace for Julian Kennedy, the great furnace and steel mill builder. Later he became superintendent of the Kline coal mines, and subsequently served as paymaster for the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company. In 1881 Mr. Woolley became bookkeeper for Nelson Crandall, the treasurer of the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, and was later sent to the Kline mines as superintendent, retaining that position until the closing of the mines in 1883. During these years Mr. Woolley had demonstrated himself the possessor of business acumen and discrimination of high order, so that when he was selected by the executors and trustees of the estate of the late Governor Tod as private secretary he was peculiarly well qualified for the position, and this position he has since filled. He has had under his supervision large and important interests, entailing an enormous amount of detail work, but his long retention in the position is all the evidence needed as to his satisfactory discharge of the trust placed in his hands.

Mr. Woolley was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Home Building and Loan Company, and he is the present first vice president of the successor of that organization, now known as the Home Savings and Loan Company, one of the strong and influential financial institutions of Youngstown. He has always shown a deep interest in the public affairs of Youngstown and has consistently given his support to every movement which had for its object the advancement of the city's normal and legitimate interests. He has been closely in touch with public affairs and has known intimately many of Ohio's greatest men, including the late President McKinley, but he has steadfastly refused to accept any public office that would in any way interfere with his duties of a private character.

While living at Brier Hill Mr. Woolley was, on the recommendation of Congressman William McKinley, appointed postmaster there, under the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, his being the first republican appointment to a postoffice in Mahoning County in that administration. For five terms of two years each he served as a member of the Youngstown City Council, being president of that body during the last year. He also rendered efficient and appreciated service as a member of the Board of Education, the Board of Elections and the Board of Public Safety. Socially he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having served his lodge as noble grand, is a member of Youngstown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of St. David's Society and is president of the Welsh Pioneer Association of the Western Reserve.

On December 24, 1877, Mr. Woolley was married to Marian Kane, who was born in Wisconsin on July 4, 1858, but who was mainly reared and educated at Brier Hill, completing her educational training at Villa Maria Girls' Academy at Bedford, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two daughters, namely: Rachel Edna, who is the wife of John R. Perkins and the mother of a son, Jere R., and Jane Elizabeth. Mr. Woolley is a man of many sterling characteristics of head and heart, and among his contemporaries it would be hard to find a record as replete with toilsome duty faithfully and uncomplainingly performed in all the walks of life, while his career in the humble sphere of private citizenship has been such as to commend him to the favorable consideration of the best people of the city and county where he has so long maintained his residence.



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JOHN H. MIDDLETON, secretary of the estates of William and David Tod and D. B. and Margaret Stambaugh, is one of the reliable, responsible and highly trusted men of Youngstown, whose knowledge of the work he is carrying on is thorough, and whose efforts are such as to work out to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Mr. Middleton was born at Youngstown on September 23, 1871, a son of John H. and Mary (Irwin) Middleton. The elder John H. Middleton was born in Pennsylvania, and was employed in the iron mills of the Mahoning Valley. About 1872 he located at Youngstown, and was accidentally killed when twenty-two years of age. His widow survives him and makes her home at Youngstown. They had two sons, John H. and Harry I.

John H. Middleton, the younger, has spent practically all of his life at Youngstown, receiving his educational training in its public schools. At the beginning of his business career he was connected with railroad work, and later went with the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and still later was with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. For one and one-half terms he was a member of the Youngstown City Council, but resigned to accept the position of clerk of Mahoning County, to which office he was elected in 1905 and which he held for two elective terms. Following that Mr. Middleton was associated with David Tod in his activities, and after his death became secretary of the estates of William and David Tod and D. B. and Margaret Stambaugh.

On April 8, 1908, Mr. Middleton was married to Miss Alice Foster, a daughter of Lemuel T. Foster, a veteran of the war between the states, who came from pioneer stock. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton became the parents of two children, John H. and Betty A. Mr. Middleton is a member of the Youngstown Club. His fraternal connections are maintained with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For some years he has been an attendant of the Presbyterian Church. Since casting his first vote Mr. Middleton has been a republican, and the offices he has filled have come to him as the candidate of his party. He is a man in whom implicit confidence can be placed, and has been given attributes which make him strong in mental equipment, quick in perception and a natural leader of men.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PEW. Besides being one of the oldest business men of Niles, Benjamin Franklin Pew has undoubtedly been one of the most constructive factors in the development of the city. The community was fortunate in the fact that he and a few others were able to look and plan ahead, and work unitedly for the future as well as the present.

Mr. Pew was born April 10, 1850, at Lordstown, about four miles from the present City of Niles, a son of Horace and Nancy Ann (Osborne) Pew. His grandfather, Thomas Pew, was a prominent pioneer character in Trumbull County, establishing his home in Warren Township, 2½ miles from Warren. Horace Pew, who was born and reared on his father's farm there, continued identified with agriculture until 1865, when he and John Ohl became partners in a general mercantile business at Niles under the firm name of Pew, Ohl & Company. After 1873 he removed to Cleveland, where he spent his last days.

Benjamin F. Pew was reared on the home farm owned by his father, now included in the corporation limits of Niles. He had a public school education, and when only fifteen years of age was made the responsible manager of the store in which his father was a partner. This business transacted sales to the value of between $75,000 and $100,000 a year. It and many other concerns went down in the panic of 1873, and Benjamin F. Pew was compelled to begin all over again. For the next ten years he was in the livery business and in 1884, thirty-six years ago, engaged in the retail grocery business, which he has continued to the present time. Fifty years of hard work have brought him competence and independence. Since he was a young man he has been interested in the real estate business. He recently has laid out the Pew addition on North Main Street. There were fifty acres in his original farm and the trees thereon were set out by himself in 1894. He still owns seventeen acres.

Mr. Pew and R. G. Sykes were the chief organizers and assumed most of the responsibilities in connection with the first board of trade at Niles. This organization, with Mr. Pew as leader, had much to do with attracting some of the early industries to the city, and it also planned and carried out the campaign resulting in a waterworks and lighting system. These undertakings were carried out against the general apathy or active opposition of many local citizens. While the first board of trade practically revolved around the energies of these two men, the subsequent boards of trade and the present Chamber of Commerce were born out of the ashes of the Pew-Sykes organization. In all the later business organizations Mr. Pew has been an indefatigable worker, and his willingness to aid has been counted on as one of the chief instruments in making Niles a prosperous manufacturing and commercial center. He served as president and secretary of the second board of trade, and as an active member of the present Niles Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Pew is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and is a Methodist.

In 1872 he married Miss Sarah A. Harris, of Niles. Their only child, Edna H., is the wife of F. W. Caldwell.

JAMES L. WICK. For many years Wick has been an honored and significant name in Youngstown life and affairs. The late James L. Wick, who died October 2, 1919, was primarily a merchant. By nature he was quiet and unassuming, but was noted for his integrity and moral worth, and Youngstown is much indebted to such men as he for the enviable position the city now enjoys in commercial affairs.

Born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1848, James L. Wick was a son of John Dennick and Emily (Lippincott) Wick, and a grandson of Henry and Hannah (Baldwin) Wick. He was reared at Youngstown, attended the common schools, and finished his education at Hudson Academy, now a part of Oberlin College. For a time he was a coal op-

erator at Church Hill. His longest association, however, was in mercantile lines, and for many years he was proprietor of a store under the firm name Wick, Arms & Bloxon on the present site of the George L. Fordyce Company at West Federal and Phelps Streets.

Mr. Wick was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He married Julia Manney, and their living children are Dennick M., James L., Jr., Elbridge A. and George L.

Dennick M. Wick, the oldest son, was born in Youngstown July 13, 1880. He had a public school education, and as a youth found employment as a messenger with the Dollar Savings & Trust Company. He has been with that corporation throughout his business career, and on his merit and ability has won advancement to treasurer. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club.

May 27, 1914, he married Miss Margaret Howells. They have two children: Alice Julia and Robert Dennick.

Shirley S. French, vice president and general manager of the General Fireproofing Company at Youngstown since June, 1917, has had a widely diversified experience in the iron and steel and kindred industries of Eastern Ohio.

Mr. French was born at Garrettsville, Ohio, May 2, 1881, son of Samuel and Mary (Johnston) French, and grandson of Schuyler French, who came to Ohio from Connecticut in 1830 and settled on a wild tract of land near Garrettsville. Samuel French was born in Connecticut in 1816, and spent his active life as a farmer at Garrettsville and died at the age of eighty-four.

Shirley S. French grew up on the home farm, learned its duties, and in 1900 graduated from the Garrettsville High School. On the death of his father he went to work to help support his mother. His first employment was with the Brown-Bonnell plant of the Republic Iron & Steel Company at Youngstown. He began as tally boy and remained with the Republic Company for six years, eventually having charge of the shipping and order departments of the Toledo plant.

Mr. French was one of the large staff of company officials who were on the ground during the laying out and early development of the great steel city of Gary, Indiana. In 1906 he went there in the office of the chief engineer of the United States Steel Corporation. Two years later he was transferred to the accounting department, where he was frequently assigned the duty of estimating and figuring on special work. At the beginning of the construction of the coke plant he was sent to the plant as chief clerk of the coke plant division.

After six years of residence at Gary Mr. French returned to Youngstown in 1912 as chief clerk of the steel plant of the Brier Hill Steel Company. In 1915 he became assistant general manager of the William Tod Company, and five months later was made general manager. In June, 1917, he took up his present duties as vice president and general manager of the General Fireproofing Company.

Mr. French was one of the organizers of the first Masonic Lodge at Gary. He is also affiliated with both of Youngstown's clubs. April 4, 1909, he married Miss Maude Jenness, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their four sons are Charles, John, James and Shirley.

Rev. John F. Maloney. The eight years' pastorate of Father Maloney at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Hubbard has been a very prosperous period, and the church has grown in power and influence fully in proportion to the increasing population of the parish. This is one of the older Catholic Churches in Trumbull County, the first church having been built in 1868. A parish school was organized in 1870. The present church edifice is comparatively new, having been erected a short time before Father Maloney came to the parish, and his administration has been marked by the building of a new parochial school, where more than 200 pupils are under the instruction of the sisters in charge.

Rev. John F. Maloney was born at Niles, November 29, 1876, a son of Patrick and Bridget (Quinlan) Maloney. His father was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and as a young man came to the United States. For a time he was a railroad worker, but at Niles he served for twenty-five years as a puddler in the iron furnaces. He is still living at Niles, and has been a resident of that city for half a century. For a number of years he was on the council of St. Stephen's Catholic Church at Niles. The children in the family are: John F.; Simon J., a merchant and real estate dealer just outside Niles; Mary A., a teacher in the schools at Youngstown; and Catherine, a stenographer employed in an office at Niles.

Rev. John F. Maloney received his classical education at Notre Dame University, graduating with the class of 1896. He was trained for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati and was ordained at Cleveland June 6, 1904, by Bishop Horstman. For two years he was assistant at St. Edward's in Cleveland and six years at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Youngstown. His first regular pastorate was at Akron, where he spent a year, and on March 10, 1912, he assumed his duties at St. Patrick's in Hubbard. At that time this congregation numbered about ninety families, while now 150 families are enrolled in the church membership, comprising several nationalities. Father Maloney has given all his time to the parish and his pastoral work, is greatly beloved by his people, and is also esteemed among non-Catholics as a companionable and genial gentleman and a thoroughly American citizen.

William Parker played a useful and influential part in the industrial community of Youngstown, where he lived for over fifty years.

He was born at Dowlais, South Wales, July 7, 1843, son of Evan Parker, who brought his family to America about eight years later, beginning the voyage April 20, 1851, and reaching Youngstown on the 19th of June. Evan Parker had all the good qualities of a typical Welshman, and was an honest citizen and skillful factor in the industrial community for many years. The family soon moved to a farm and home at the corner of Emma Street and Gar-

land Avenue, a part of Youngstown that has known the Parker family for over sixty years. It was at his home at Emma Street and Garland Avenue that William Parker lived for thirty-five years, and he died there in March, 1907, at the age of sixty-four.

He acquired most of his early education in Youngstown. In 1864 at the age of twenty-one, he enlisted in the 105th Ohio Infantry, and among the organizations which paid tribute to his life was Tod Post of the Grand Army, of which he was a member many years. After the war and prior to his army service he worked as a coal miner, and later was a faithful employe in the puddle department of the Valley Mill of the Republic Iron Works. The last sixteen years of his life he served as car inspector for the Lake Shore Railroad.

In his business relations he proved dependable, and the quality of his usefulness was greatly admired. He was also constant to his other duties and obligations. From boyhood he was a faithful member and attendant at church and Sunday school services of the Elm Street Congregational Church, and subsequently became identified with the Plymouth Church at the time of its organization, serving on its first building committee. He was also deeply interested in the Emma Street Mission, and contributed both his means and his personal work to the welfare of that Mission. He was known by his friends and associates for his devotion to his family, his honesty, his upright dealing and his kindliness and considerateness as a neighbor. For many years he was a member of the Ivorite Fraternity.

December 17, 1865, he married Miss Margaret Lewis. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters. Mr. Parker was survived by Mrs. Parker and four children, Thomas L., J. Howard, James E. and Sarah.

Thomas H. Kane. While by no means one of the oldest in point of years, Thomas H. Kane in experience is one of the veterans of the iron and steel industry of the Mahoning Valley. He has been in Youngstown since 1908 and is vice president and works manager of the Truscon Steel Company.

Mr. Kane was born at Toledo, Ohio, September 15, 1872, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Mack) Kane. His parents were also born in Northwestern Ohio, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Henry Kane was an ensign in the navy during the Civil war, being with the Mississippi River fleet.

Spending his boyhood at Toledo, Thomas H. Kane acquired a public school education and has been carving his own destiny since he was about fifteen years of age. For practically thirty years he has been in some phase of the steel industry. While he never attended a technical college, the school of experience has given him a most thorough, practical and scientific knowledge of the industry.

He is one of the members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and at Youngstown belonged to the Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He married Alice R. Bumgardner, of Toledo. Their four children are Frederick C., Thomas Carlton, Alice Rachel and Thomas Henry. The son, Frederick, was an American soldier in the war with Germany.

Melvin J. Hornberger. In past ages the history of a country was comprised chiefly in the record of its wars and conquests. Today history is largely a record of commercial activity, and those whose names are foremost in any community are those who have become leaders in business circles. Melvin J. Hornberger, who is recognized as one of the leading coal dealers of Youngstown, is characterized by tireless energy, keen perception and honesty of purpose, qualities which will insure success in any undertaking.

Melvin J. Hornberger is a Hoosier by nativity, having been born at Waterloo, Indiana, on January 10, 1866, and is the son of Joseph and Anna (Ray) Hornberger, the former a native of Dekalb County, Indiana, and the latter of Dayton, Ohio. The father, who was a harnessmaker by trade and also followed railroading, died when the subject of this sketch was but an infant. He was killed while in the employ of the Lake Shore Railroad Company. The widowed mother later married Ward Diehl, and the family moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, when Mr. Hornberger was seven years old. The mother died in 1909.

The subject's educational opportunities were somewhat limited, but he availed himself of every chance to gain knowledge, a trait which has remained with him, so that he has become possessed of a wide fund of general information. In 1887 Mr. Hornberger came to Youngstown, and his first employment here was with E. M. McGillen, whose industry enjoyed the distinction of being the first business enterprise of the town. Later he entered the employ of Smith Crawford, dealer in feed, with whom he remained for eleven years. He was then with the Pittsburgh Coal Company for five years, being in charge of the retail yards in the West End, where he handled coal and building supplies. In 1904 Mr. Hornberger started in business on his own account at his present location, No. 524 West Federal Street, and has literally grown with the town, the yard now comprising two hundred and eighty-eight feet of ground between Federal Street and the Erie Railroad tracks. He handles coal and all kinds of building material, and has been remarkably successful in anticipating the public demand in the way of certain materials. Mr. Hornberger has also been very successful as a builder of homes, which he has erected to sell. In all his enterprises he has shown soundness of judgment and keen perception, which have in themselves been guarantors of success.

In 1889 Melvin J. Hornberger was united in marriage with Laura Bishop, the daughter of William Bishop, of Poland, and to this union have been born two children, Jay, who is associated with his father in business, and Hazel, who died at the age of ten years. During the World war Jay W. was in active service for eleven months, having been on the firing line in Italy with the Three Hundred and Thirty-Second Infantry when the armistice was signed. He was married May 22, 1917, to Miss Laura Belle Parkin, a daughter of J. W. and Sophia Parkin.

Mr. Hornberger and his family are members of the Belmont Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the building committee recently selected by the congregation to oversee the erection

of a new church building. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club. Politically he is a stanch republican and gives his support to every movement that promises to promote the public good.

William B. Mason has lived in and around Niles for nearly eighty years, is a veteran of the Civil war, and his career has been one of usefulness and honor in that community, where several others of his family were prominent.

His grandfather, Ambrose Mason, brought his family to Trumbull County, Ohio, about 1836. In former years he had served as a judge in Essex County, New York. On coming to Ohio he located at Niles. His wife was Jemima Turner, and when they came to Ohio they were accompanied by their sons Dean Edson, Hiram T. and Henry Harrison and their daughters Louisa, Amanda, Lucy, Harriet and Electa. Of their children Hiram T. became a successful farmer and was an early county commissioner of Trumbull County. Henry Harrison was a Niles merchant and one of the early postmasters of the city. Dean Edson bought a farm now practically within the city limits of Niles, though in 1849, at the age of thirty-four, he had well established his position as a business man and good citizen. He married Bertha Minerva Holcomb.

Dean Edson Mason and wife had three children: Amanda, who became the wife of R. W. Jackson; Frank Holcomb, who became well known in Ohio public affairs and whose sketch appears elsewhere; and William B.

William B. Mason is the only son of his parents now living. He was born on the homestead at Niles, August 4, 1842, and completed his education in Hiram College. For seventy-six years he has lived under one roof and his energies have been worthily directed as a farmer. He enlisted in April, 1864, in Company B of the One Hundred and Seventy-First Ohio Infantry. That regiment was first under fire at Keller's Bridge, Kentucky, and the entire command was captured by General John B. Morgan. William B. Mason soon afterward was paroled, and that ended his army career. He was discharged at Sandusky, Ohio, August 20, 1864. He is the present commander of McPherson Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Niles. For twenty years Mr. Mason has been local correspondent of the Cleveland Leader, and has contributed to various other periodicals. He is regarded as an authority on local history in Niles and that section of Trumbull County. He is a republican and a member of the Christian Church.

January 25, 1872, Mr. Mason married Mary E. Russell. She died Christmas morning of 1917, the mother of three children: Russell E.; Bertha R., wife of Thomas H. Wilson, Jr., and Mary H., wife of R. F. Kiefer.

Alonzo G. Sharp is general manager of the A. G. Sharp Lumber Company, doing a general lumber and mill work business at the old Dingledy plant in Youngstown. Mr. Sharp has made the lumber industry practically his life work, and his business experience ranges from the Mahoning Valley into the far Southwest.

He was born in Montgomery City, Missouri, January 6, 1873, son of R. A. and Henrietta Sharp. Both his parents are deceased. His father, who was a general contractor, died at the age of seventy-eight, on June 11, 1920. He was a Confederate veteran, having fought on the Southern side during the Civil war.

Alonzo G. Sharp is one of a family of seven children. He attended the schools of his native city, finished a business course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at St. Louis, and as a young man worked as a carpenter. He became associated in the lumber business with different firms at Montgomery City, Missouri, Marion, Indiana, and Las Vegas, New Mexico. In 1906 he became general manager for the B. C. Tibbett Lumber Company, and was similarly associated with the Union Wholesale Lumber Company. He organized and since April, 1919, has been general manager of the A. G. Sharp Lumber Company.

In 1903 Mr. Sharp married Miss Lelia M. Lail, of Montgomery City, Missouri. They are members of the First Christian Church, in which he is a trustee. He is affiliated with the Elks and the Youngstown Club.

John W. Kuhns came to Youngstown when its position as an industrial center was by no means as secure as it is today. That was nearly forty years ago. He has long been a prosperous and enterprising business man, and in late years has given much of his time to public affairs.

Mr. Kuhns was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1864, son of Emanuel B. and Mary (Hunsberger) Kuhns. His parents were of that stock described as Pennsylvania Dutch, and their families came from Bucks County. Emanuel B. Kuhns was a Civil war soldier, serving in the Nineteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry. His active life he spent as a farmer, and in politics he began as a democrat, but in later years voted as a republican. He and his wife were active members of the First Christian Church in Youngstown. He died in January, 1919, at the age of eighty-three, while his wife passed away at seventy-six. They were the parents of seven children, and six are still living. The family record is almost unique. John W. Kuhns was forty-five years of age before he attended a funeral of an immediate relative. The children are: Jacob B., superintendent of the Oil City Trust Company's oil lease at Alliance, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Wesner, who occupies the old homestead farm in Pennsylvania; John W.; George W. and Frank B., of the Kuhns Plumbing Company of Youngstown; Henry J., who for twenty years was in partnership with his brother John in the carriage manufacturing industry; and Pearl, who died at the age of thirty-four.

John W. Kuhns acquired his early education in the country schools of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. At Monroeville in his native state he learned carriage painting, and was still only a boy about seventeen when he came with the family to Youngstown in January, 1881. Here he went to work for Sheldon Jacobs and later was foreman of the paint department

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of Kalenbaugh & Robison, whose plant was on the ground where the Maloney Block now stands. He was foreman in their painting department nine years. In 1891 Mr. Kuhns went to Wood County and represented the Standard Oil Company there two years. In 1892 he established a shop for the making of wagons and carriages on North Walnut Street, and for twenty years he and his brother Henry conducted a very prosperous and productive industry. Their output was heavy vehicles, trucks, grocery and brewery wagons, and that type of wagon construction.

Among his various enterprises it should be noted that Mr. Kuhns was associated with George J. Renner, Louis Liebman and Herman Duesing in developing oil properties in Columbiana County and is still interested in the production of oil in the same locality. He was also in the real estate business and was secretary and treasurer of the West Side Land Company, which developed the site of the old City Hospital, building houses on the ground vacated by that institution.

Mr. Kuhns was drawn into politics as candidate for an office without his knowledge or consent, when some of his friends put his name on the democratic ticket as candidate for president of the City Council. His name did much service to the party, though he was defeated. Mayor Craver, in making up his cabinet, selected Mr. Kuhns to serve as director of public safety. He held that office for a year, when he was made director of public service, holding this position until the present administration took up the reigns of city government. His business experience, his connection with large affairs, and his personal integrity eminently qualify Mr. Kuhns for participation in public affairs. He is a member of the English Lutheran Church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Elks and Woodmen of the World. He and his family reside at 410 Oak Hill Avenue. He married Miss Effie Bayer in 1889. Her parents were Capt. John S. and Elizabeth Bayer. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns have three children: Carl W., Caroline E. and Helen M.

Edward E. Emery has had active associations with the business life of Youngstown for over thirty years. He is proprietor of the Edward E. Emery Company, automobile accessories. This business was formerly known as the Anderson Vulcanizing Company.

Mr. Emery was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1869, son of John B. and Mary A. (Kennedy) Emery, the former a native of Butler County and the latter of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. John B. Emery, who died in 1898, at the age of sixty-four, was for three years a Union soldier, most of the time as a noncommissioned officer in the Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves. He was in many of the great battles of the Civil war, and on the second day of the Gettysburg engagement was severely wounded. He was a member of Tod Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. A saddler and harness maker by trade, he removed to Youngstown in 1872 and worked in the Bushness establishment when it was located where Lustig Brothers now sell shoes. From Youngstown he went to Greenville, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a business of his own, then was in New Castle again for a period, and about 1881 returned to Youngstown and was employed in the DeNormandy establishment. He and his family were members of the Trinity Methodist Church. His wife, who died in 1914, at the age of fifty-seven, was the mother of three children: Anna Belle, wife of W. E. Warner, of 1611 Elm Street, Youngstown; Edward E.; and Caroline O., wife of Alf Waters, of Detroit.

Edward E. Emery acquired his early education partly in New Castle and partly in the Wood Street School in Youngstown, and in 1886, at the age of seventeen, went to work in the freight office of the Lake Shore Railroad under Captain Pierce. His longest business association was the twenty-four years he put in with Carroll Thornton in the Youngstown Laundry. He held practically every position in that establishment, and was an important factor in its success. He bought his present business in 1916, and while looking after the general business management he relies upon his son William B. Emery for the chief technical skill and supervision.

Mr. Emery married in 1897 Lucinda B. Moore, daughter of W. H. Moore of Youngstown. The son William is their only child. Mr. Emery has always been a faithful voter, though independent in politics. He is an Elk and he and his family are members of the Richard Brown Memorial Church.

Louis L. Rice. The First National Bank of Youngstown is one of the old and powerful financial institutions of Ohio. Established seventy years ago, its oldest active employe and official today is Louis L. Rice, purchasing agent. Mr. Rice has been with the First National Bank forty-one years, and he has enjoyed the complete confidence of its officials throughout this period, including some of the earlier presidents and directors.

Mr. Rice, who is also treasurer of the Union Safety Deposit Company, was born in Youngstown, on West Federal Street, November 14, 1861, son of Herman and Leah (Heisler) Rice. His parents came from Hungary and settled at Youngstown in 1861, being the third Jewish family in the city. The father was a cabinet maker by trade, conducted a shop on West Federal Street and for a time was employed by the firm of Parish & Nash on East Federal Street on the present location of the Standard Market. Soon after reaching America he made application for citizenship, and was awarded his final papers before the removal of the county seat from Canfield to Youngstown. He was also one of the organizers of the Rodef Sholem Congregation. He died at the age of sixty-four and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of one son and five daughters, and all except the one married daughter live in the Rice home on Arlington Street. The children are: Emma H., Sallie, Louis L., the only son, Rose, wife of Louis Hirsch, of Pittsburgh, Mariam and Claire B.

Louis L. Rice acquired his early education in the Wood Street and Front Street schools, and spent two years in the Monroe School at Warren. During his school vacations he worked at the Jewell Drug Store, but on November 10, 1879, entered upon his long continued service with the First National Bank as a messenger boy. Later he was bookkeeper, and now

for a number of years past he has been purchasing agent and treasurer of the Safety Deposit Company. When he entered the First National it had only five employes besides the executive officers. Now there are 200, a large and busy personnel, who regard with every mark of esteem the senior in consecutive service.

Mr. Rice has always been an active member of the Rodef Sholem Congregation and at one time was secretary. He is a past master of Hillman Lodge of Masons, is a member of Youngstown Chapter and Council, and Grand Rapids Consistory, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of the board of directors and on the house committee of the Masonic Temple. He is also affiliated with the Elks and in politics is a republican.

Dr. Archibald F. Swaney. While he came to Niles to practice medicine and surgery and did so successfully for fifteen years, Doctor Swaney now devotes all his time and energies to manufacturing, as president and general manager of the Niles Forge and Manufacturing Company.

He was born at New Cumberland, West Virginia, December 13, 1875. His father, Thomas R. Swaney, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was a Union soldier in the Civil war and spent the greater part of his active life as a merchant.

Archibald F. Swaney, who was reared at New Cumberland, graduated from the high school of that town, read medicine privately, attended lectures and in 1903 graduated from the medical department of the Ohio State University. After a brief period of hospital training at Wheeling he located at Niles in the same year, and practiced steadily until 1918, when he gave up his professional duties to become president and general manager of the Niles Forge and Manufacturing Company.

Doctor Swaney is a member of the Niles Club, Trumbull Country Club and the Christian Church. In 1898 he married Bertha M. Robbins, daughter of G. B. Robbins. Their two sons are George Robbins and Thomas C.

Samuel Drabkin, president of the Bolotin-Drabkin Furniture Company, has been a successful business man of Youngstown for the past sixteen years, and has also made his increasing prosperity a source of direct benefit to the community.

Mr. Drabkin was born in Russia in 1874. His people were engaged in the wholesale flour and grocery business. He was given a liberal education, completing his early training in a gymnasium, which ranks with an American college in curriculum.

However, when Mr. Drabkin arrived at New York in 1892, at the age of eighteen, his capital resources amounted to only $26. For several years he lived in White County, Illinois, where he followed commercial lines, and in 1904 brought his capital and experience to Youngstown. He was unable to speak a word of the English language when he reached this country, but has studied language as well as business and affairs, and has a fluent command of English. In 1904 he established the business of which he is now president, and that firm has grown and prospered with the passing years. The first store was on Himrod Avenue, where the branch postoffice now is, and later was moved to Federal Street. In 1911 a branch was opened in East Youngstown, and two years later still another branch at Niles.

Mr. Drabkin is widely known for his integrity in business, possesses a very charitable nature, and has accepted many opportunities to do good both through church and other organizations. He was for two years president of the Emanuel Congregation, is a member of the B'Nai B'Rith, and is affiliated with the order of Elks.

In 1894 he married Rebecca Prodkin, also a native of Russia. They have two children: Saul G. and Sarah A. The son, Saul, completed his education in the Morgan Park Military Academy at Chicago and is now associated with his father in business.

William J. Scholl. For nearly thirty-five years William J. Scholl, president of the W. J. Scholl Company of Youngstown, has been actively connected with the plumbing and heating interests of this section of Mahoning County, and by paying prompt and careful attention to the details of his business has won the confidence and good will of the people and built up an extensive and highly remunerative patronage, his services being in constant demand throughout the city. A son of John and Sarah Scholl, he was born in 1856, in Youngstown, Pennsylvania.

Born and bred in Germany, John Scholl was well educated, and became while young a good linguist, speaking three languages, German, French and English. In 1844, disliking the conditions in his native land, he immigrated to the United States, locating first in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where with a brother he engaged in the butcher business. From there he moved to Bradenville, Pennsylvania, and in 1865, accompanied by his family, came in a canal boat to Ohio, landing in Youngstown on the ninth day of April. In partnership with his brother Michael he opened a cabinet making and furniture establishment on Federal Street, and was there located for awhile. For several years he was bookkeeper and collector for the firm of D. Theobold & Company, and at one time was an active member of the city council. He lived to a ripe old age, passing away in 1904. His wife, who was born in America, died many years ago. They were the parents of two children, William J., the subject of this sketch; and George, who lived but sixteen years.

Coming to Youngstown, Ohio, in boyhood, William J. Scholl attended the public schools, and at the age of twelve years was working for Ned Jones in the nail factory. Later he entered the employ of George Turner, proprietor of a spike factory, and for a time, while yet but a boy, drove a wagon for the old McKelvey firm. Entering the establishment of Kelley & Stambaugh in 1873, he served an apprenticeship at the plumber's trade, and having become familiar with its details worked for awhile in Chicago, and later entered the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, being stationed in Topeka, Kansas.

Returning to Youngstown, Mr. Scholl in 1886 started an establishment of his own in the basement of a building on East Federal Street, under the tin shop of James Squire & Son. Succeeding well in his venture, he purchased the Squire business, which

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he moved into Doctor Buechner's building on Federal Street. In 1897, his business being constantly increasing, Mr. Scholl built a shop on Market Street, on the site now occupied by the Mahoning County courthouse. Subsequently selling that lot to the county, he moved his building from that location to the present site of the City Market. The building was afterward burned, and Mr. Scholl moved to Boardman Street, taking possession of the building that had for years been occupied by the Natural Gas Company, and there remained until the completion of the new Tod House, when he moved to his present advantageous location.

The business of the W. J. Scholl Company has had a rapid and natural growth from the start, and is constantly increasing in volume and value. The firm has filled many contracts of note, among others having installed the plumbing in the Mahoning County courthouse; the New Tod House; the Stambaugh Building; the Mahoning National Bank Building; the Home Savings & Loan Building; and many other prominent structures in and near the city.

Mr. Scholl married Della, daughter of Abram Davis, of Sharon. Their only child, Mamie, is the wife of Morgan Whitehead, a member of the Civil Service Commission, and who served with the Young Men's Christian Association in France. Mr. Scholl is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, and of the Builders' Exchange. His home, a most attractive one, is in the country.

David J. Scott, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and at present the efficient director of public safety in that city, has had a commendable record of industry and worthiness of public service since as a boy of twelve he entered energetically upon the serious occupations of life. He is well placed among the aggressive younger generation of responsible Youngstown citizens, and by his decade of capable service in the police department of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, which necessarily brought him into close association with the city police department, he is especially fitted for the appointment to which he was preferred by Mayor Warnock in the city administration.

He was born on Oak Street, Youngstown, July 27, 1890, the son of James and Jane (Bevan) Scott. The Scott family is of British origin, and the parents of Safety Director Scott were married in South Wales. They, James and Jane (Bevan) Scott, came to Youngstown in 1887, and from that year until that of their death, 1902, they were respected and responsible residents of that place. The demise of Mrs. Scott came seven months earlier than that of her husband, and they were respectively fifty-seven and sixty-one years old when death came. James Scott was for many years a stationary engineer in Youngstown, and had many friends. He was an earnest Christian and a member of the Welsh Baptist Church of Youngstown. Politically he was a republican, and was identified with the fraternal order of Red Men. After coming to Youngstown the Scott family lived on Oak, Fairmount and Garfield streets, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott had many sincere friends among the older residents of those neighborhoods. They were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom, however are now deceased. The living are: Edward J., who is connected with the safety department of the Republic Iron and Steel Company; Henry, who is an engineer by profession, and is also connected with the same company; Mrs. David J. Morgan, of Granite City, Illinois, where her husband is identified responsibly with the granite industry of that place; and David J., the subject of this article.

David J. Scott was only twelve years old when his parents died. He had been attending schools on Fern and Market streets, but soon after being orphaned was forced to close his schooling and take to business life. He began as a messenger boy in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Youngstown, later working in the grocery store of F. A. Scott on Market Street. He was evidently an energetic boy of independent spirit, capable of making his way unaided. At fifteen years he was oiling engines at the Republic Iron and Steel Works. From that time until he entered the city administration he was in the employ of the Republic Company. He did not oil engines for long, being transferred to the hospital service in the safety department of the plant, and for the last nine years of his service was a member of the police department of the company, latterly as sergeant. It was because of his efficient work in this connection that Mayor Warnock was induced to offer him the directorship of the police department of the City of Youngstown. As a police officer David J. Scott was effective, resolute and fearless, his authority was respected, and he rendered signal service on many occasions, both to the Republic Company and to the city. Since he has been a member of the city administration he has undoubtedly proved his fitness for the office of safety director, the city police department under his direction coming especially into creditable public record by its eradication of deplorable vice conditions in the city.

Mr. Scott is a consistent churchman, member of the Epworth Methodist Church, and a substantial supporter thereof. Politically he is a republican, and fraternally is identified with many organizations, including the Masonic order. He is a member of the Western Star Blue Lodge, the Youngstown Chapter, and the Buechner Council of the Masonic order, the R. E. Johnson Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In 1912 he married Fanny E., the daughter of William Price, a well-known Youngstown resident, and superintendent of brick masonry at the Republic Iron and Steel Works. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have two children, sons, Robert E. and Russell H.

George Bode, one of the substantial men of the Mahoning Valley, is successfully engaged in a stone and brick contracting business at Youngstown, where he has won the confidence of the people by his fair and honorable methods of carrying out his contracts. He was born in Germany on September 22, 1858, a son of Henry and Barbara (Bode) Bode, the former of whom was a mason contractor upon an extensive scale.

George Bode learned his trade under his father's careful supervision, and after giving his country the obligatory military service he came in 1883 to the United States. The first words in the language of

his new home he heard spoken upon his landing at Baltimore, Maryland, but he has been apt in learning since then, and is now a very well informed man. He came direct to Youngstown, Ohio, and his first employment was secured under James Morris at the Brown-Bonnell plant. One year later he entered the employ of Christ Mauser, one of the old-time contractors, becoming a foreman, and as such had charge of the construction of the high school in Girard, Ohio, a church on Oak Street, the William Tod Machine Shop, an addition to the Tod House (Hotel), and the street car power house. From 1899 until 1902 Mr. Bode was foreman for Henry Niedermeier, and supervised the building of the United Presbyterian Church on Himrod Avenue, the Standard Oil Cloth Plant on Girard Road, the Bessemer Plant for Brown-Bonnell and the old Union Seminary at Poland, Ohio. He then went into the contracting business on his own account and built the Gallegher and Renner buildings at the corner of Hazel and Commerce streets, the Stambaugh Building on Glenwood Avenue, and for ten years was doing work on the United Engineering Building Company's contracts. He also built the Weaver Building on Market Street, the Scott and Jones buildings on Federal Street, the Charles S. Geiger Building on Oak Hill Avenue, and addition to the school in East Youngstown, the Gorden School in East Youngstown, the Mercantile Building and the Pugh & Howells Block in Girard, the Kings Block at Girard and many other business blocks. Mr. Bode has also erected residences for John Brenner, B. F. Thomas, Otto Shuman, Frank Tucker, Henry Butler and many others.

When Mr. Bode came to the United States he took advantage of the opportunities offered by night school and attended its sessions to learn English and bookkeeping. His instructor was Professor Steiner. While he had but little money when he arrived, his skill and industry soon placed him in comfortable circumstances. Having come to this country with the intention of remaining here, he took out his papers and became a citizen as soon as it was possible for him to do so, and his first vote was cast for Benjamin Harrison for President, and he has continued to support the candidates of the republican party ever since.

In 1884 Mr. Bode was united in marriage with Anna Elizabeth Fiehler, a daughter of a school teacher. She was born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Bode became the parents of five children, namely: Henry, who is chief engineer at the McIntosh & Hanfield Plant of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Rev. Dietrich, pastor of the Reformed Church at Rochester, New York; George, who is with the Republic Iron and Steel Company; Fred, who has been athletic director of the Young Men's Christian Association, received training for his work at Springfield, Massachusetts, has been physical director at the Marion Young Men's Christian Association and is now at home; Anna, who is her father's bookkeeper, lives at home. The family all belong to the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Bode is a deacon and financial secretary, having held these offices for sixteen years. He is very generous in his contributions to this church, and he and Mrs. Bode take an active part in church work of all kinds. Mr. Bode belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Protected Home Circle, and the Chamber of Commerce. The Bode family is a fine one, the children having developed so as to do credit to their excellent parents, and to be valuable additions to the several communities in which they have located. Mrs. Bode is a charming woman and is held in affectionate regard by all who know her. From the beginning of his career at Youngstown Mr. Bode has proved his worth, and no man of the city is regarded as a better citizen than he.

Elmer T. McCleary, whose work with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company began fourteen years ago, is a well known expert in chemical and metallurgical engineering. During the World war the Government Ordnance Department appointed him a member of a committee to confer on the chemical and physical specifications of shell steel, and he was also one of a committee of three appointed by the same department to advise on the sections for artillery shells.

Mr. McCleary was born at Pine Grove Furnace in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1878, son of John E. and Isabel (Marks) McCleary. His father's people were from Dundee, Scotland. John E. McCleary enlisted when sixteen years of age as a drummer boy in the Union army in the Civil war. Much of his life after the war was spent in railroading. He was a locomotive engineer when killed in an accident on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

Elmer T. McCleary grew up at Carlisle and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of the high schools of both cities. Later he entered Pennsylvania State College, graduating in 1901 with the degree Bachelor of Science after specializing in chemistry and metallurgy. His first professional work was with the Diamond State Steel Company at Wilmington, Delaware, as chemist, and later was in a similar capacity with the Carnegie Steel Company and also in blast furnace work. Mr. McCleary came to the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company in 1906 as chief chemist, was promoted to assistant superintendent of blast furnace and steel department in 1909, and since 1912 has served as assistant general superintendent of the plant.

He is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Iron and Steel Institute and the American Society of Testing Material; is a member of the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club, a director of the Aetna Foundry and Machine Company, and president of the Auto Supply Company. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Himrod Avenue Baptist Church.

February 1, 1904, Mr. McCleary married Anna Jenkins, of Youngstown. Their two children are Dorothy May and Elmer T., Jr.

Herbert V. Tutter. A well known and exceedingly prosperous general merchant of Youngstown, Herbert V. Tutter is held in high repute as a citizen, and by his excellent character and upright business course in life has fully established himself in the esteem and confidence of his associates and neighbors, winning an extensive and lucrative patronage in this

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vicinity. A native of Youngstown, he was born March 16, 1882, on West Rayen Street, a son of the late George W. Tutter.

Born in Gratz, Austria, in 1839, George W. Tutter remained in his native land forty-five years. First settling in Youngstown, he followed his trade of a tailor for many years, his first employment in this city having been with George McNab. He was afterward a member of the firm of Hoteau & Tutter, and was later associated with Frank L. Brown, who was at one time mayor of the city, having been junior member of the firm of Brown & Tutter, which was located on West Federal Street, between Phelps and Hazel streets. An experienced and skilful workman, he continued at his trade until death, which occurred at his home, 337 Martin Street, in 1911. He was an attendant of the Reformed Church, and belonged to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His wife, whose maiden name was Carrie Hoffman, was born seventy-four years ago, and is now residing at 320 Sherwood Avenue, Youngstown. Three children were born of their union, as follows: G. W., engaged in the postal service in Youngstown; Gertrude L., wife of Burr H. Easterbrook, who is likewise employed in the Youngstown postoffice; and Herbert V., of whom we write.

A pupil when young in the Covington Street School, Herbert V. Tutter insisted upon giving up his studies while yet a boy to accept a job in the Gairings Brothers grocery. Leaving that firm, he then was employed in Peter Deibel & Sons Store on West Federal Street, and still later with the G. M. McKelvey Company store. Having acquired a broad knowledge of mercantile affairs, Mr. Tutter decided to start in business on his own account, and opened a store on Market Street, near the bridge. With the very limited capital of $75.00, he spent a part of it in buying a horse and buggy, necessary assets in those days. In the establishment of his trade his sister helped him by taking charge of the store while he was out soliciting business or delivering goods. With "a square deal" for his watchword, Mr. Tutter met with encouraging success from the very first, his straighforward, honorable transactions, genial courtesy to all, and evident desire to please his customers winning him a valuable and lucrative trade. In October, 1912, he moved to his present location, 1823 Hillman Street, where he has met with characteristic success.

Mr. Tutter married, in 1912, Lenora Clark, daughter of the late Lewis W. Clark, of Youngstown. Religiously Mr. Tutter is a member of the First Reformed Church, while Mrs. Tutter belongs to the First Baptist Church. Fraternally Mr. Tutter belongs to Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Order of Masons; to Youngstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; to Buechner Council, Royal and Select Masters; to Lake Erie Consistory, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite and to Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, Ohio. He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

J. Howard Taylor, treasurer of the Taylor-Duffey-Waid Company of Youngstown, and a former president of the Youngstown Real Estate Board, has a definite place among the business leaders of that thriving city. The operations of the firm of which he is a member are of considerable extent, and his active interest in the development of the city has for long been known. He has given his time unselfishly upon many occasions to affairs of consequence to the city, and especially in the advocacy of the inland water project has he been prominent in public service.

He was born February 14, 1876, in Trumbull County, Ohio, the son of Thomas M. and Melzina (Boone) Taylor, and comes of one of the pioneer families of Ohio. His father, Thomas M. Taylor, was born in Trumbull County; so also was his mother, Melzina Boone, who died in 1892. Thomas M. Taylor, who is now seventy-one years old and is vice president of the Taylor-Duffey-Waid Company of Youngstown, lived the first fifty years of his life upon the Taylor family farm in Trumbull County. In about the year 1898 he went to Cleveland, and there became associated with J. W. Taylor, a relative, in real estate operations. In 1915 he came to Youngstown, and with other associates of the Cleveland firm entered extensively into the real estate business, so that today the Taylor-Duffey-Waid Company has an enviable standing in the vicinity. The four members of the firm were formerly connected with the Cleveland house, and have shown much enterprise since becoming established in Youngstown. Until they moved to their present quarters in the Home Savings and Loan Building their offices were at 37 Central Square, and as allotment specialists, handling their own properties exclusively, have of recent years done considerable business with Youngstown people. The company owns and has been developing land in Youngstown, Cleveland, Elyria, Warren, Niles, Alliance, Tiffin and Mansfield in the State of Ohio, and its operations are enlarging rapidly. They also maintain offices at 1429 Williamson Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

J. Howard Taylor, son of Thomas M., attended the common school of his native place in Trumbull County, and eventually entered the Gustavus High School, from which in due course he graduated. He supplemented this educational training by attending the New Lyme Institute at New Lyme, Ashtabula County, Ohio. When eighteen years old he became a salesman in a Youngstown store, the Youngstown Dry Goods Company. With that firm he remained for eighteen months, earning the small salary of $4.50 per week, most of which earning was absorbed by his board bill. Then followed two years of service in the Kinsman Meat Market, and some time as a salesman in the carpet department of the Globe Store. He clerked in various other stores for short periods, eventually entering the employ of J. N. Envers Sons Company, the changes being generally to his advantage. He was of commendably steady characteristics, and spent very little in useless luxuries. Consequently, with an ever-increasing salary, he became in course of time possessed of some capital. For a year he was in Cleveland with his father, and in the employ of J. W. Taylor gained his first experience in real estate operation. However, he appears to have found his former line more lucrative, for he returned to Youngstown and for six or seven years thereafter

was connected with the J. N. Envers Sons establishment, during the last year or so of his service with that firm doing some real estate selling in his spare time. He was, as might have been expected after so many years of such varied trading, a convincing salesman, and in the larger real estate sphere was so successful that he decided to devote all his time to it. At a weekly salary, he successfully sold much property for Mrs. J. E. Comstock, of Warren, and soon afterward he formed a business partnership with Mr. Duffey to develop the Tobias Kimmel tract at Struthers. Since that time his connection with real estate expanded, as has been herein explained. The Taylor-Duffey-Waid Company, of which he is treasurer, owes much of its present standing to his business ability. He is a recognized business leader in Youngstown real estate circles; has been president of the Real Estate Board; in fact, he was one of those responsible for the establishment of that board; and was a member of the committee named to represent the Youngstown Real Estate Board in Washington when Congress was considering the inland waterways project, which sought to connect the Lakes and the Ohio by a canal.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, and also the local Kiwanis Club, in both of which organizations he is active. And in many ways he has shown his interest in the advancement of Youngstown. He is an able, aggressive, optimistic man, and is taking his place well among the responsible citizens of Youngstown. He is a member of the Automobile Club, and politically is a republican. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, Ohio. He is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the town of his boyhood days. He is a consistent churchman, earnest in church work, which may be inferred by the fact that he is deacon of the First Christian Church of Youngstown.

In 1905 Mr. J. Howard Taylor married Julia H. daughter of Joseph Ribgy, and of the old Youngstown family of that name. Three children have been born to them, by names Ermlin, Robert and Carol Jeanne. The family has a large circle of friends among the better people of the city.

George T. Swanton. Among the old and honored employes of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company at Youngstown, one who is a veteran in the iron and steel industry is George T. Swanton, superintendent of the puddle mill. His experience in this country has been varied, but for a number of years he has been connected with his present concern, to the development of which he has been an important contributing factor.

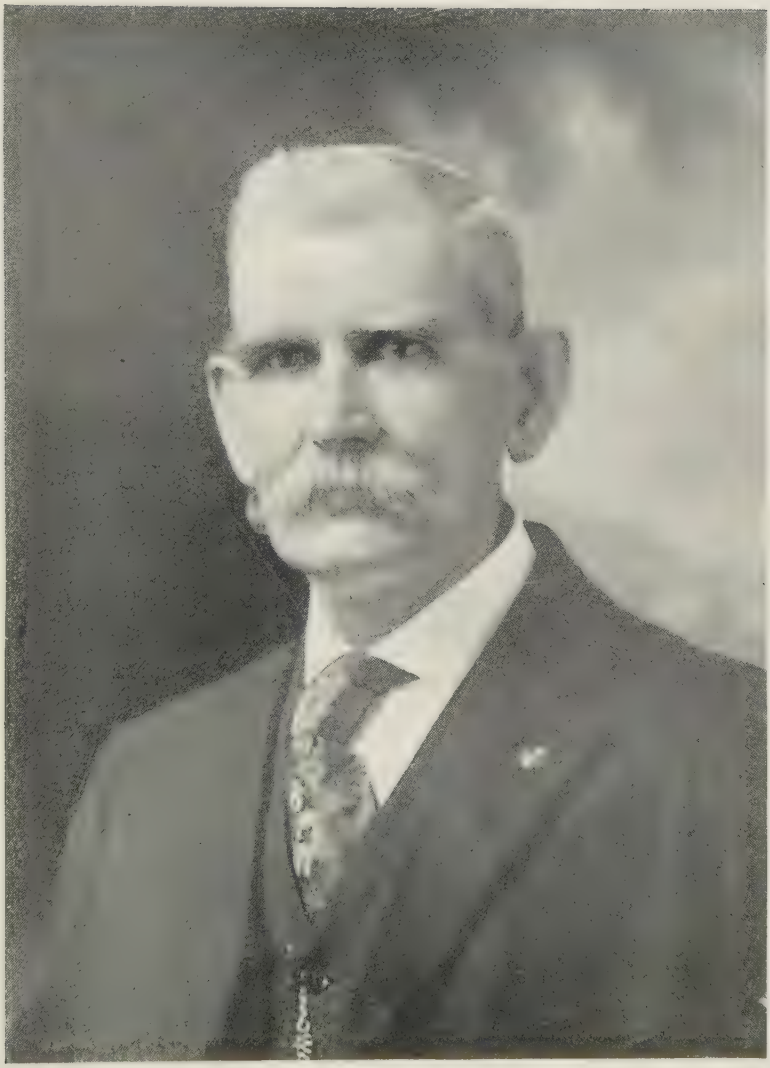
Mr. Swanton was born in Surrey, England, July 25, 1848, one of the eleven children of George and Jane (St. Clair) Swanton, the former a yeoman farmer in England. One of the sons went to Australia, where he became a prosperous sugar planter at Cordoba in the Isis district, Queensland, and to that point the parents moved about the year 1879, the father passing away there at the age of ninety-one years, while the mother attained the remarkable age of one hundred and three years.

George T. Swanton grew up in his native vicinity, where he attended the country schools, and after completing his education at Cardiff began his business career as office boy in a pottery concern at Bristol. Later he returned to school, and then began working in a sheet mill at Cardiff. He did not accompany the family to Australia, but for some ten years served in the English army under Lord Napier, and saw service on the northeast frontier of India. In 1877 Mr. Swanton came to the United States, first making his home at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, later being employed by the Phoenix Iron Company at Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, and subsequently for about a year was in the rolling department of the Hugh E. Steele Company at Newcastle, Delaware. In 1879 he returned to Lancaster and later went to Columbia, Pennsylvania, and then was with the Catasqua Manufacturing Company at Ferndale. In 1887 he went to Birmingham, Alabama, where he was employed by the Thomas Iron Company and later by the Birmingham Railroad Supply Company in the capacity of assistant superintendent. When he left the latter concern it was to accept a foremanship with the successor of the Birmingham Rolling Mill Company. When the United States declared war against Spain Mr. Swanton assisted to raise Company L, First Alabama Regiment, of East Lake, but his regiment got only as far as Miami, Florida, and Mr. Swanton, on receiving his honorable discharge, resumed work with the Birmingham Rolling Mill Company, subsequently becoming foreman of the finishing and puddling department for the Pullman Palace Car Company at Anniston, Alabama.

In 1901 Mr. Swanton came to Youngstown, Ohio, as puddle boss and night foreman in the Valley Mills, and in January, 1903, entered the employ of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company as foreman of the puddle and sheet bar departments. He has been with this concern ever since, and his work has been continuously in the puddle department. Mr. Swanton is one of the oldest of the employes of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. Few men have seen and been a part of the building of this great organization from infancy to the present, but it is Mr. Swanton's distinction to be one of them.

On February 6, 1881, Mr. Swanton married Miss Mary Jane Haddock, of Ferndale, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of five children, namely: John, Thomas, George (deceased), William and Albert.

George E. Rose. No citizen of Mahoning County occupies a higher position in the esteem of the people than does George E. Rose, one-time lawyer, ex-judge of the Probate Court of Mahoning County, and the president and general manager of the Realty Security Company at the present time. During his years of legal practice he built up a large and representative clientele, being regarded as an extremely safe counselor in all matters pertaining to legal questions. It speaks well for any man who may have the confidence of the people to such an extent that he is regarded as specially adapted to the settlement of estates and matters of equity. Since retiring from



George T. Swanton

the practice of law and entering the field of business and finance he has achieved as pronounced a success and gained as high a reputation as was his in the field of law.

George E. Rose was born December 9, 1859, at Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio, and is the son of Elijah and Lucy A. (Bacon) Rose. He was reared on the paternal farmstead, his early years being much like those of the average farmer boy of that period, consisting in attending the district schools during the winter months and helping cultivate the farm during the summers. After completing his common school studies Mr. Rose prepared for college at Oberlin, after which he entered Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire, where he was graduated in 1881. The profession of law had an attraction for him early in life, and he had, at intervals, read some law, but on completing his college work he began a systematic study of Blackstone and Kent in the office of Metcalf & Webber at Elyria, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1883 and in January of the following year he opened an office and entered upon the active practice of his profession in Youngstown, Ohio, with which city he has remained identified ever since. Although the profession was already overcrowded here, he soon took rank among the ablest lawyers in the city and exemplified the old adage that "There is always room at the top." In the spring of 1888 Mr. Rose was elected city solicitor and two years later was elected to succeed himself, serving four years in that position. In 1893, about ten years after locating in Youngstown, Mr. Rose was elected probate judge of Mahoning County, and officiated in that position until February, 1901, his official tenure being characterized by promptness and dispatch in the handling of official business, legal ability of a high order, and a keen sense of justice which permeated all his acts. Shortly after his retirement from the bench Judge Rose resumed his law practice as a member of the firm of Norris, Jackson & Rose. Sometime later, however, he retired from the active practice of the law in order to devote his attention to the Realty Security Company, of which he was the organizer and of which he has been the president and active manager from that time to the present. The Realty Security Company is one of the sound and influential financial institutions of Youngstown and has had an important part in the development and upbuilding of the city. He was also one of the organizers of the Real Estate Security Company, of which he is vice president, and he is a director of the mercantile house of Strouss-Hirshberg Company.

George E. Rose was married to Louise H. Baxter, the daughter of Heman Baxter, and to them has been born a daughter, Louise M., who is now the wife of Robert J. Eppley. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church, while politically the judge is an active supporter of the republican party. Socially he is identified with the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Poland Country Club. As a citizen Judge Rose is public spirited and enterprising; as a friend and neighbor he combines the qualities that win confidence and command respect, and as a business man he exhibits those elements which are nearly always a guarantee of success. His life and labors have been worthy because they have contributed to a proper understanding of life and its problems, and while advancing his own interests he has performed his full share in promoting the public welfare.

Harold H. Hull, attorney, of Youngstown, Ohio, is an able and rising member of the legal bar of Mahoning County. A graduate of the law department of Harvard University, he has since 1910 practiced law in Youngstown, and has upon many occasions, and in important causes, come prominently before the people of the county as an able advocate. His merit in legal conduct is evidenced in his recent promotion to the office of prosecuting attorney for Mahoning County, Ohio, after three years of service as assistant to Prosecutor Huxley. And facts concerning his early years, and the handicaps he had to surmount in order to continue at school through his college years and until his graduation as an attorney, stamp him as a man of strong purpose.

He was born on a farm near Grove City, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1885, the son of Charles H. and Isabel (Beveridge) Hull, and was born in the log house, of only one room, in which his father, Charles H. also was born. The birth of his father, Charles H., was in 1865 and three years after his own birth his youthful parents removed in 1888, to Greenville, Pennsylvania, where the boy was reared, and where his parents still live. His father, Charles H. Hull, is still actively following his lifetime occupation, that of locomotive engineer. He has served the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company in that capacity for thirty-five years, and among locomotive engineers is known widely; in fact he was a charter member of the now powerful Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Charles H. Hull is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and politically gives allegiance to the republican party. For very many years he and his wife have been members of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville.

Harold H. Hull graduated from the Greenville High School in 1903, and having resolved to prepare himself for professional life, he took the academic course at the Allegany College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1907, soon after which graduation he entered upon the study of law at the nation's foremost law school, that of Harvard University. In due course, in 1910, he was creditably graduated therefrom, and thus fitted to immediately enter upon the practice of law. It was praiseworthy result of commendable determination and resolute persistence through discouraging circumstances, for his college and university courses were made possible only by his own strength of will and manly purpose. During vacations for practically the whole of the period young Hull provided himself with the means wherewith to continue his studies by applying himself manfully to hard labor, that of locomotive fireman. He was admitted to practice law at the legal bar of Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1910, in which year he established himself in a law office in Youngstown of that state. His decade of practice in that city has been such as to indicate that he ranks well among the professional leaders of that city and county. He is well-regarded professionally, and has

taken prominent part in many local movements. For three years he was assistant prosecuting attorney for Mahoning County, succeeding Mr. Huxley in 1919 in the office of prosecuting attorney. In many important cases Attorney Hull has clearly demonstrated his ability as prosecuting counsel, and he has the confidence of an ever-increasing number of responsible Mahoning County people.

He is a republican in politics, and has actively interested himself in national affairs. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Western Star Blue Lodge, Youngstown, and of the local Chapter and Council. He is also an active Elk.

On May 16, 1916, in Greenville, Pennsylvania, Attorney Hull married Mary, daughter of William Tunnison, a retired merchant of that place. Both are members of the First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, and active in church work.

HERMAN F. KLING. The business record of Herman F. Kling as an architect and builder at Youngstown goes back more than thirty-five years. He and his associates and his organization have been the medium for the planning and conception of many score of handsome structures which adorn Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Kling was born at Wetter-on-Ruhr, Westphalia, Germany, April 21, 1858, son of Fred and Amalie (Einhaus) Kling. His father was a stone contractor and owned some extensive stone quarries in Germany.

Herman F. Kling, who received a common school education, had attained to the status of a competent stone mason when only fifteen years of age. An apprenticeship in Berlin gave him a complete knowledge of the building trade, and he also attended the technical schools at Holzminden. For two years he was a soldier in the German army.

Mr. Kling came to America in 1881 and at once located at Youngstown, where he was employed by Henry Niedemeyer, one of the early stone contractors here, and helped build St. Paul's Church at Brier Hill. For two years he was associated with A. Kannengeiser, architect. After one year in St. Paul, Minnesota, he formed in 1886 a partnership with his former employer, Mr. Kannengeiser, and their association was continued until the death of Mr. Kannengeiser in 1899. Since 1904 Mr. Kling has been in business with Mr. Zenk. As an architect he has made plans for many of the leading churches, schools and residences of Youngstown. Just a few to indicate the representative character of his work are the Helen Chapel, St. Anne's Church at Brier Hill, Grand Opera House at Sharon, the Vindicator Building, the Washington School, the McKinley School and many others.

Mr. Kling went back to Germany to claim his bride, Miss Ida Bertram. She died in 1899, the mother of four children: Margaret, wife of Edward Sittig, of Youngstown; Fred W., a mechanical engineer at Pittsburgh, who served with the Motor Transport Corps in France; Otto J., an architect associated with his father, and who received a complete technical training in the Carnegie School of Technology at Pittsburgh, and Freda, who died in 1905, at the age of sixteen. Mr. Kling married for his present wife Miss Ida Fribertshauser, daughter of August Fribertshauser. They have two children, Herman, Jr., and Virginia. Mr. Kling and family are members of the Methodist Church, and he is affiliated with the Elks and was a member of the Rayen Club during its existence.

ALBERT N. BUTLER. From his schooldays actively engaged in industrial life and with business experience in several lines, Albert N. Butler, proprietor of the South Side Ice Company, is well and favorably known at Youngstown. Since making this city his home he has taken much interest in its welfare and is numbered with its representative citizens.

Albert N. Butler was born at Westfield, Illinois, January 8, 1868, and is a son of Calvin and Rebecca (Nixon) Butler, the former of whom was born at Uniontown, Ohio, and the latter at Sardis, Ohio. The father was a miller by trade and lived in different sections while operating mills. He enlisted for service in the Civil war and was detailed for a time as a cook, but on contracting rheumatism was discharged on account of that disability. In 1864 he went to Springfield, Illinois, and later to Westfield, and then to Shelbyville, Indiana, where he died in 1893, at the age of sixty years.

Albert N. Butler was the third born in the family of three children. He was educated mainly at Shelbyville, Indiana, and was graduated from the high school there in 1890, shortly afterward coming to Belmont County, Ohio, where he entered the employ of the Aetna Iron & Steel Works, remaining until the strike of 1896. Mr. Butler then accepted a position as brakeman on the local railroad, and during the seventeen years he remained in railroad service, was promoted to fireman and then to engineer. Upon retirement from the railroad he entered the employ of the M. A. Hanna Coal Company of Cleveland, Ohio, but as he is a skilled mechanic, he preferred another line and on coming to Youngstown entered the Sheet & Tube Works, going from there to the Brier Hill Plant, and subsequently to the Republic Rubber Company. His career there was terminated by the explosion in which he lost an eye. After sufficiently recovering from this very serious injury Mr. Butler went into business for himself, organizing the South Side Ice Company, which he has so capably managed that it is one of the city's prosperous business enterprises.

On January 12, 1890, Mr. Butler was united in marriage to Miss Suella Corey, a daughter of David Corey, of Flushing, Ohio, who is a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Butler has more than a local reputation as an accomplished artist. They have three children, namely: Mary R., who is a trained nurse, and a graduate of the Youngstown Hospital; Ruth A., who is also a graduate of the Youngstown Hospital, is the wife of C. H. Landahl, teller of the City Trust and Savings Bank and treasurer of the South Side Ice Company; and David, who is yet in school. Mr. Butler and his family are members of the Christian Church. He is a zealous republican and is active in political circles as an interested, well-meaning citizen, but has had no desire at any time to take upon himself the grave responsibilities that he believes should be borne by office-holders, high as well as low.

Herman F. Krug.

Eugene Wilson Skinner, of Warren, Ohio, was born at Van Wert, Ohio, October 4, 1883. The Skinner family was prominent in the early history of the City of Buffalo, New York. One of the family was at one time mayor of that city. The great-grandfather of E. W. Skinner was born in Buffalo and later moved to Ohio. The grandfather, Lorenzo E. Skinner, was born in Granville, Ohio, while the father, Lorenzo E., Jr., was born at Newark, this state. All these generations of the family were identified with the sheet metal business. Lorenzo E. Skinner, Jr., was in business first at Newark, then at Van Wert and subsequently moved to Warren. When he retired from business he went to Iowa, where he died in 1914, and his widow is still living, residing in Florida. Lorenzo E. Skinner, Jr., married Jennie R. Reynolds. Her ancestry goes back to the time of the Plymouth Rock Colony of Massachusetts.

Eugene Wilson Skinner was reared and educated in Warren from the age of six years and after leaving school he spent an apprenticeship of five years learning the sheet metal roofing and warm air furnace work. For three years he was a traveling representative for the Genuine-Bangor Slate Company at Easton, Pennsylvania, and in 1913 he bought his fathers' business at Warren. As owner he has operated it on a growing and extensive scale, and now does all kinds of sheet metal roofing and warm-air furnace work. This business has given him an intimate connection with the modern constructive movement in Warren. He also organized the Warren Home Building Company, incorporated in 1916. He is treasurer of the company, which performs a general service of home building and development. He also organized and is owner of the Builders' Hardware Company. Another concern which he helped organize and incorporate is the Warren Home Development Company, of which he is a director and vice president. Mr. Skinner was one of the founders and organizers of the Warren Builders' Exchange, and is still a very active member of the organization. He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, and in Masonry is affiliated with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, the Council and Chapter degrees, Warren Commandery No. 39 of the Knights Templar, and is a member of Warren Lodge of Elks and the Sons of Veterans. He had six years of service with the Ohio National Guard.

He married Miss Adaline Van Wye a native of Howland Township, Trumbull County, daughter of Homer W. and Lena (Lemley) Van Wye. Her father was born in Howland Township and her mother in Warren. Homer Van Wye was a farmer, but later engaged in the livery and automobile business and died in the summer of 1919.

Grant W. Byard, a resident of Warren forty-five years, was formerly a manufacturer, but in recent years, with his son, since the latter's return from the World war, has been active in the insurance business as a member of the Byard Agency.

Mr. Byard was born at Sharon, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1864, and has lived in Warren since he was nine years of age. His father, David Byard, was born at Troy, New York, of French lineage, and from Troy went to Sharon, Pennsylvania, and in 1873 located at Warren, where he died six years later at the age of forty-six. His wife, Margaret (May) Byard, was a native of Scotland and died at Warren March 4, 1920, at the advanced age of eighty-five.

Grant William Byard achieved success through the medium of hard work. After leaving the Warren public schools he followed several lines until 1888, when he entered the service of the Winfield Manufacturing Company. He learned the business from the standpoint of the common laborer, and on his merit was promoted from one grade to another until he was secretary of the company. He resigned that office in 1918 to engage in the insurance business with his son William D., establishing the Byard Agency. They are insurance brokers, making a special and personal service to buyers of insurance and representing all classes of the business.

Mr. Byard is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the Warren Rotary Club, the Trumbull Country Club, and the First Baptist Church. He married Miss Grace Winfield, daughter of William C. Winfield, president of the Winfield Manufacturing Company and long one of Warren's prominent men.

The only child of their union is William David Byard, who was born June 1, 1888. He was liberally educated, first in the Warren public schools and later at Colgate University. Early in the war with Germany he was commissioned a first lieutenant, and served at Camp Sherman. After leaving the army he became associated with his father in the Byard Agency.

George John Max. By length of service, variety of experience and expert skill, George John Max has all the qualifications of a master machinist, and for nearly forty years has given his services to some of the important industries of Warren.

Mr. Max, who is also prominent in public affairs and a present member of the city council, was born in Warren August 29, 1867, son of Adam and Frederica (Zebe) Max. His parents, natives of Germany, came to this country when young people, and were married in Warren. Adam Max was left an orphan as a child, and grew up in the family of a German farmer. After coming to Warren he learned to work in marble and granite, and that was his trade the rest of his life. Both he and his wife died at Warren.

George J. Max was educated at Warren, his schooling being confined mainly to the common schools. Before completing a high school course he began an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade. He was only fourteen years of age when he was accepted as an apprentice by the Spangenburg-Pendelton Company, now the Trumbull Manufacturing Company. With that institution and industry, as boy and man, he has been connected ever since, a period of forty years. He learned all branches of the machinist's trade, including tool and die making, and for the past four years has been foreman of the company's shops.

His skill as a worker, his good judgment in all matters affecting his relations with his fellow man and his community, have made Mr. Max a citizen of influence in Warren for many years. This esteem finally resulted in his election as a member of the

city council from the Fourth Ward in 1918. He has been one of the most useful members of the city government. The Fourth Ward is probably the best ward in the city, comprising all the territory south of Market Street and east of the Mahoning River, embracing the Trumbull Steel Company's works and many other large industrial establishments and also numerous banks and business houses on East Market Street. Mr. Max was re-elected to the council for another term of two years. During 1918-19 he served as president of the committee on sewage. During that time more miles of sewers were constructed than ever before in any ten previous years. This is a very favorable showing considering all conditions and is a fair index to the rapid progress of Warren and also the strenuous efforts put forth by Mr. Max. He is also a member of the committee on buildings, grounds and sidewalks. As a result of his persevering effort a contract has been let for a fifteen-foot sidewalk on both sides of Pine Street extending from East Market to the Trumbull Steel Company. This contract calls for an expenditure of over $30,000. An even larger project to be credited to his labors was bringing to the attention and approval of the voters the proposition for building an over-head bridge at the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks on East South Street. Other members of the City Council regarded the measure as inopportune, but the voters emphatically ratified the project by a vote of two to one. The plans contemplate a substantial concrete viaduct at an approximate cost of between $800,000 and $900,000. Many will recall the fatal accident that occurred on Thanksgiving Day, 1918, on East Market Street at the railroad crossing, and this tragedy was utilized by Mr. Max as the occasion for introducing and pushing through an ordinance reducing the speed limits of trains through the city to four miles an hour, and also requiring the railway company to maintain watchmen at all principal crossings. As his record indicates, Mr. Max is a representative of the common people in the city government, and his viewpoint and judgment are largely determined by the interests and welfare of those who make up the big majority of the community.

Mr. Max is affiliated with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, with Mahoning Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, Warren Council No. 58, Royal and Select Masters, and Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar. Mr. Max and family are members of the First United Presbyterian Church. On December 29, 1894, Mr. Max married Miss Emma Lintern. She was born at Orwell, Ohio, daughter of John and Emma Jane Lintern, natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Max have two children: Emma Ruth, born in 1902, and George Donald, born in 1914.

Charles B. Loveless, one of Warren's leading citizens and manufacturers, is one of the men of the city who is essentially a director of men and affairs, and no better evidence of the value of the place he holds in the estimation of his associates can be found than that afforded by his successful career as both a business man and citizen.

He was born at Warren on January 14, 1864, and is of the third generation of two of the old families of Trumbull County. Samuel Loveless, grandfather of Charles B., came to Trumbull county, Ohio, from New England when he was still a boy, settling near Price's Mills. He married Hulda Martin, whose father was one of the early settlers of the county, having located near Newton Falls, Trumbull County.

Martin D. Loveless, father of Charles B., was born at Price's Mills, Ohio, in 1831, and died at Warren in 1898. He married Malinda Wilson, who was born in Paris Township, Portage County, in 1833, a daughter of Austin Wilson, a native of Connecticut, who brought his family and household goods in an ox-cart from Connecticut and settled in Trumbull County in pioneer days. Mrs. Loveless died at Warren in 1917.

Charles B. Loveless began his business career in 1882 as a clerk in the hardware store of S. W. Park at Warren, and during the time he remained there he was noted for his thoughtfulness, courtesy and quick observation. Five years later he left the store to enter the Warren Packard Lumber Company, where he remained from 1887 until 1897, during that period acquiring a thorough knowledge of the lumber industry. In the latter year he became a member of the firm of Wood & Loveless, lumber merchants, and two years later he became one of the organizers of the Western Reserve Lumber Company, and was its secretary and superintendent from 1899 until 1901, when he became secretary and general manager of the Warren Manufacturing Company, which concern manufactures furniture. Still later Mr. Loveless was made its president and still holds that office.

In 1908 Mr. Loveless was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Warren Iron and Steel Company, was its secretary and treasurer until 1918, in which year he was elected its president and general manager, and holds these offices today. Mr. Loveless has other interests as well, for in 1913 he was one of the men who incorporated the Warren Lumber Company, of which he was president from the time of its incorporation until it was sold to the East Ohio Lumber Company on January 1, 1919. He is president of the American Lumber Company of Cleveland, Ohio; president of the York Coal and Coke Company, of which he was one of the organizers in 1911; president of the Reserve Realty and Mortgage Company, Warren, Ohio; a director of the Shelby Coal Mining Company of Kentucky; a director of the Western Reserve National Bank; vice president and director of the Trumbull Securitive Company; a director of the Dana Musical Institute; a director of the Warren Board of Trade and a member of its executive committee; a director of the Warren Building and Investment Company; and is identified with many other industrial and civic corporations. Fraternally Mr. Loveless belongs to the Masons and Odd Fellows. He was active in local war work, giving freely of his time, money and his four sons to the Government in her supreme effort. He is also a director in the Trumbull Red Cross Society.

Mr. Loveless was married to Irene Campbell, who was born at Warren, a daughter of Jerome T. Campbell, whose father was a merchant of Warren fifty years ago, and her grandfather was an operator of coal mines at Oldtown, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Loveless

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became the parents of the following children: Gertrude Irene, who is society editor of the Warren Tribune; Mary L., who married William James Kerr, of Warren; Ellen M., who married William Wolford, of Warren, and they have a daughter, Mildred Irene; Charles C., who married Theresa Tweeddale, of Rochester, Pennsylvania, has a son, Charles III. Philip M., who married Mabel Stine, of Niles, Ohio; and Lucy Packard, who married David Howe, of Warren. Mr. Loveless makes his home on his fine 170-acre farm on North Mahoning Avenue Extension, upon which farm, just across the street from the parental home, each of the children have built their residence, the entire family living in what is known as the "Loveless Colony."

The war record of the Loveless family and its connections during the great war is one of which to be proud. Charles C. Loveless volunteered for service and was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry, serving at Camp Bowie, Texas. Philip M. volunteered and served at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, both young men being prevented from overseas' service by the signing of the Armistice. One son-in-law, William James Kerr, volunteered and served as sergeant of a motor truck unit in the American Expeditionary Forces, spending eight months in France. Another son-in-law, David Howe, volunteered and served in the radio department at Norfolk, Virginia. Fortunately none of the stars on the service flag of the Loveless family was turned to gold during that mighty conflict, and Mr. and Mrs. Loveless are happy to have their dear ones back home once more and living close to them after the heartbreaking separation.

Samuel Christian Graber. Among the members of the Trumbull County bar who have firmly established themselves in the confidence of the people of the county within the last few years is Samuel C. Graber of Warren, who has been in active and successful practice in that city since 1916.

He was born at Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio, on June 19, 1882. His ancestry is a composite of several rugged stocks that have done much to develop America in the past century. His great-grandfather, Ulrich Graber, a native of Switzerland, was the founder of the American branch of the family. In 1844 he bought a farm in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and that land remained in the continuous and uninterrupted possession of the Graber family until 1918. Christian Graber, a son of the pioneer Ulrich, was born in Tuscarawas County and married Anna Camp, also of Swiss descent. They spent all their lives on the old Graber farm. William Graber, father of Samuel C., was born in Tuscarawas County, on the old homestead, and in March, 1881, moved to Geauga County, where he followed farming until his death in February, 1913. His wife died August 23, 1911. William Graber married Samantha Miller, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and daughter of Samuel and Anna Miller, both natives of the United States. Michael Miller, father of Samuel, and great-grandfather of Samuel C. Graber, was born in Germany, and established the Miller family in the United States many years ago. They first settled in Stark County, and later moved to Wayne County, Ohio. Michael Miller's wife was Margaret, either a native of Ireland or of Irish descent.

Samuel Christian Graber grew up on his father's farm in Geauga County and acquired his early education in the district schools, graduating from the Parkman High School in 1899 and attended the Western Reserve Seminary at Farmington in Trumbull County. In 1907 he graduated from the Warren Business College. The following three years he pursued farming at home, and in the fall of 1910 removed to Warren, where he was employed at different places until 1913.

As early as 1904 Mr. Graber had registered as a law student in the office of W. G. King at Chardon, Ohio, but had little time to devote to study under the direct supervision of his preceptor. He borrowed and bought some of the classics of legal literature, and after that worked at his law books while on the farm and in Warren, practically without a tutor. He persisted in his course, following the plan of study mapped out by Mr. King, and on December 18, 1913, he was admitted to the bar at Columbus. Almost immediately he hung out his shingle at Chardon and was in practice there until November, 1915. January 1, 1916, Mr. Graber returned to Warren and has since been engaged in practice here. The first three years he was associated with Warren Thomas, and since then has practiced alone. Mr. Graber was admitted to practice in all the courts of the State of California on November 29, 1915. He had visited that state in that year, with some expectation of locating there permanently. He was admitted to the federal courts May 13, 1919.

For the past three years Mr. Graber has given some valued public service as a member of the Warren Civil Service Commission. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, is affiliated with Chardon Lodge of Knights of Pythias, and Carroll F. Clapp Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Warren. June 3, 1908, he married Miss Florence Newcomb, of Nelson, Portage County, Ohio, daughter of George W. and Emma (Colton) Newcomb.

Sherman Eugene Leet is one of the oldest men in point of service in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company. His experience as a railroad man, beginning as a telegrapher, would cover forty years at least. For twenty-six years he has been a resident of Warren, where he has had the important responsibilities of freight and passenger agent for that road since 1893.

Some four or five generations of the Leet family have lived in the Ohio Western Reserve. Mr. Leet was born in Fowler Township of Trumbull County September 4, 1855, son of James Warren and Elizabeth (Rutledge) Leet. His paternal grandfather, Sherman Leet, was born in Connecticut, and was only a child when brought West by his parents, who cleared up some of the virgin land in Vienna Township. Mr. Leet's great-grandfathers, both paternal and maternal, were soldiers in the War of the Revolution and in the War of 1812. The Leets are of English ancestry. George Leet was one of the early governors of Connecticut, and a town in that state is named in honor of the Leet family.

James Warren Leet was born in Vienna Township of Trumbull County, and as a youth employed his energies with his father in clearing up some new land. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving three years in the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Ohio Regiment. Prior to entering the service he learned the carpenter's trade, and after the war followed carpentry and contracting in Hamilton County, Ohio. However, he returned to Vienna Township and died there in 1871, at the age of forty. His wife, Elizabeth Rutledge, who was born in Vernon Township of Trumbull County and died in 1913, at the age of seventy-six, was the daughter of Rev. Emmons Rutledge, a Methodist minister, also a native of Vernon Township and whose parents had come over from England, settling first in Connecticut and later in Trumbull County.

During the period of the Civil war the Leet family lived at Jeffersonville, Indiana, where Mrs. Elizabeth Leet had relatives. After the war, when rejoined by the father, they located near Cincinnati, where the boyhood days of Sherman Eugene Leet were spent. He was about fifteen when the family returned to Vienna Township. His education was comprised in the advantages offered by public schools in these different localities. Mr. Leet was about nineteen when he began learning telegraphy. Within a year he was made agent for the Erie Railway at Austintown, near Youngstown. After a year he was transferred to Canfield, where he remained as agent seven years and then was given duties at Lisbon and later at Girard, where he spent the period from 1883 to 1893.

Mr. Leet has been a resident of Warren since 1893, for more than a quarter of a century. For twenty-three years he was local freight and passenger agent of the Erie, and since then has confined his attention to the position of passenger agent. He is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and the American Insurance Union and has taken all the degrees in the Knights of Pythias, though not at present active in the order. He is also a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and the Warren Board of Trade.

Mr. Leet married Miss Ida May Clark, who was born at Canfield, a daughter of William H. and Lois P. (Carroll) Clark. The Clarks are an old Connecticut family while the Carrolls were from Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Leet have four children. Frank Rutledge, the oldest, is a newspaper artist and advertising expert, living at Cleveland. He married Nellie Wallis, a daughter of W. J. Wallis, of Youngstown, and they have three children: Jean, Dorothy and Robert W. Emmons Eugene, who married Mary Manning of Cleveland, is a pharmacist and is assistant manager of the Standard Drug Company's store in Cleveland. They have two children, Mary and William. Warren W. is in the savings department of the Cleveland Citizens & Trust Company. He married Irene Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Young, formerly of Cleveland. To them one daughter has been born, Evaline. Edna A. is the wife of W. C. Ward of Warren, vice president and general manager of the Peerless Electric Company and an ex-mayor of the city, as was his father before him.

John M. Elder, M. D. The distinguishing quality of Doctor Elder's service as a physician and surgeon at Mineral Ridge and Niles during the past twenty years has been his exceptional ability as a surgeon. He is associated in practice at Niles with Dr. Curtis C. Williams, both of whom rank among Ohio's leading surgeons.

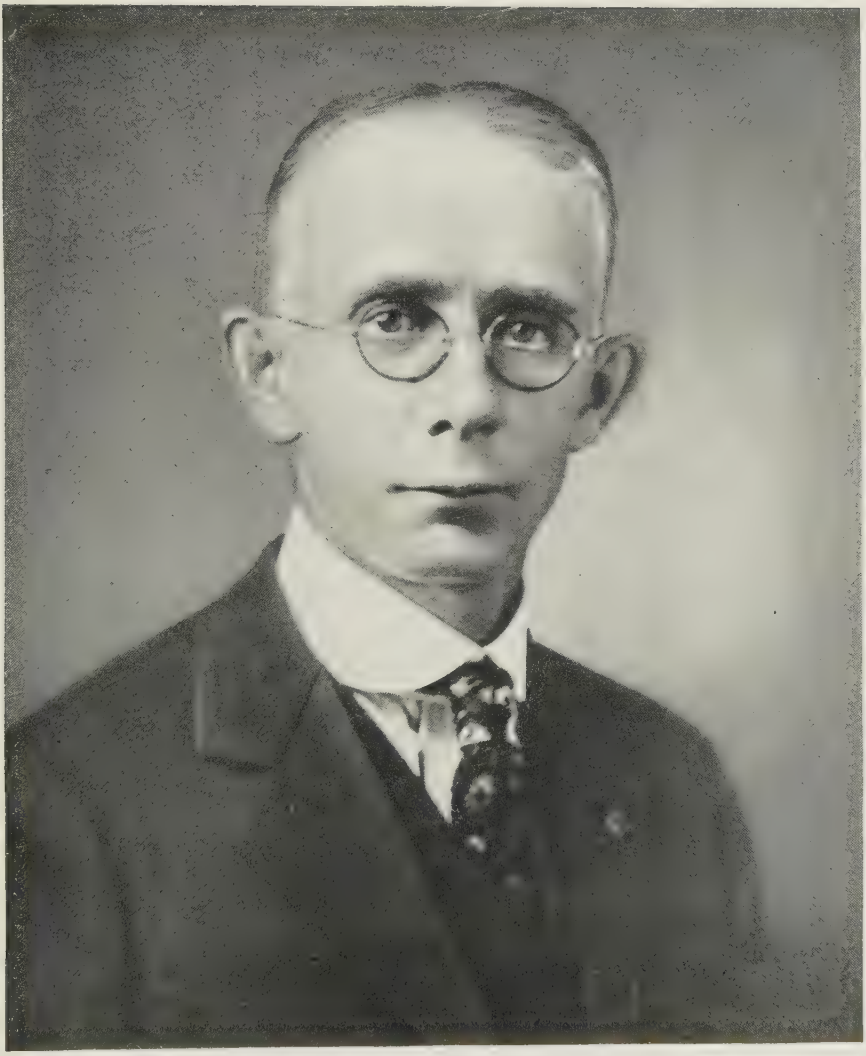
John M. Elder was born at Fayette, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1872. His parents, James and Sarah (Ream) Elder, still living in Pennsylvania, spent their active lives on a farm. Doctor Elder likewise had a rural environment during his youth, attended district schools, and completed his college education with the scientific course at Westminster College, graduating in 1895. He studied medicine for a brief time with Dr. Robert Wallace at New Castle, Pennsylvania, and in the fall of 1895 entered the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, where he continued until graduating in 1899. He was one of the first class to receive his degree under the four years' course. Doctor Elder began practice at Mineral Ridge in 1899, and remained there until the beginning of the war between the United States and Germany. When Doctor Williams of Niles entered the army Doctor Elder removed to that city in the summer of 1917, and at his headquarters in this city many difficult surgical cases have sought his talents.

Doctor Elder is a member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association, is a republican in politics,, and keeps in touch with political events and economical issues, though he is in no sense a practical politician. He is a thirty-second degree and Knight Templar Mason, and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and belongs to the Niles Club, the Trumbull Country Club and the Niles Chamber of Commerce. He is first vice president of the Home Savings & Loan Company of Niles.

July 24, 1891, Doctor Elder married Miss Edna Leitch, daughter of John and Frances (Wilson) Leitch. Her father is a former commissioner of Trumbull County. Doctor and Mrs. Elder have one son, Paul, who graduated in 1920 from the Niles High School.

Lurn Elvergne Moore has been identified with the Warren Rubber Company since that company was reorganized eighteen years ago. His abilities as a salesman and as a general manager have been the chief factor in the growing success and prosperity of that local industry.

Mr. Moore, who is now secretary and general manager of the company, was born at Windsor, Ashtabula County, October 17, 1874, son of DeWitt C. and Chloe E. (Cook) Moore. His father, born in New Jersey in 1845, spent four years as a Union soldier during the Civil war, being one of the younger men in the ranks at the beginning of that struggle. When the war was over he came to Ohio and located at Windsor in Ashtabula County, and was married there, but spent his last days in his native state of New Jersey, where he died in 1914. Chloe E. Cook, his wife, was born at Windsor, Ohio, in 1853, and died there in 1898. Her father was Elmer Cook, born at Windsor in 1815. The father



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of Elmer came from Connecticut and was one of the first settlers at Windsor. The Cooks through the different generations have been farmers.

Mr. L. E. Moore spent his early life at Windsor, attended the public schools there and the New Lyme Institute, and at the age of twenty began his commercial career as clerk in a country store in his native village. Coming to Warren in 1895, he was for six years clerk under W. T. Griswold, proprietor of the Racket Store. In 1901 he removed to Youngstown and was employed a year by J. W. Smith & Sons.

Mr. Moore returned to Warren in 1902 to take an active part in the reorganization of the Warren Rubber Company. During the following two years he built up a large business for the company as a traveling salesman. In 1904 he was made a fixture in the main offices as secretary of the company and office manager, and since January, 1915, has been secretary and general manager and a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Moore is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the United Commercial Travelers, Mahoning Lodge No. 29, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the official board of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

October 14, 1903, he married Miss Bessie E. Hopkins. She was born at Nelson, Geauga County, Ohio, September 28, 1878, and a few years later her parents, Philo and Alice M. (Sutliffe) Hopkins, moved to Kansas, where the family resided for five years, and then returned to Illinois, Philo Hopkins dying in that state a few months later. Following the death of her husband the widow returned with the family to Garrettsville, Ohio, but later removed to Cleveland, where she now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had three children: Leland Everett, born March 29, 1905; Ruth Alice, born March 29, 1911, and died June 1, 1913; and Gordon Hopkins, born November 14, 1915.

William Otto Spieth. For eighteen years William Otto Spieth has enjoyed an ever increasing dental practice at Warren. He is a dental surgeon of exceptional qualifications, and has also actively identified himself with the public spirited citizenship of Warren.

He was born at Murphysboro, Illinois, August 3, 1877, son of Benjamin and Marietta (Cumings) Spieth, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. His parents were married in Illinois, and in 1882 removed to Wood River, Nebraska, and in 1903 located in Cleveland, Ohio, where the father died January 8, 1910. The mother died while visiting in Florida in June, 1919.

Doctor Spieth acquired his early education in Nebraska, and is a graduate in dental surgery from the Western Reserve University of Cleveland with the class of 1902. His only preceptor in dentistry was Dr. John F. Stephan. In June, 1902, he began practice at Warren. He is a member of the Northern Ohio and Ohio State Medical societies, the Coryden-Palmer Dental Society and the National Association of Dentists. He is also a member of the Warren Board of Trade and of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons. Doctor Spieth married Myrtle I. Unger, of Warren, daughter of John and Sarah (Cover) Unger. They have one daughter, Ruth Genevieve, born December 19, 1913. Dr. and Mrs. Spieth are members of the Central Christian Church.

Lucien Luther Jones, secretary and treasurer of the Warren Iron and Steel Company, has had an active part in business affairs at Warren for twenty years, a period in which his record has been one of steady progress from minor to important responsibilities.

Mr. Jones was born on a farm in Wayne Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, January 13, 1880. His great-grandfather was a native of Connecticut and a very early settler in the Western Reserve of Ohio. His grandfather was Linus H. Jones. His father was Linus B. Jones, also a native of Wayne Township, Ashtabula County. He spent his life there as a farmer and died in 1910 at the age of sixty-seven. Linus B. Jones married Rhoda M. Woodworth, whose father, Dr. Luther Woodworth, was a pioneer of Ashtabula County, where his name is held in grateful remembrance because of his unselfish work as a physician carried on for many years. His daughter, Mrs. Linus Jones, died in 1911 at the age of sixty-six.

Lucien Luther Jones spent the first twenty years of his life on his father's farm. He acquired his education in district schools, in the New Lyme Institute and the Warren Business College. His service in commercial affairs began in 1900 as bookkeeper for the firm of L. P. Gilder & Son, dealers in coal and builders' supplies. In 1902 he became bookkeeper for the Warren Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Charles B. Loveless was then the head. As bookkeeper and in other capacities of trust he remained with that business until 1915. He then joined the Warren Motor Truck Company, and in 1918 became identified with the Warren Iron & Steel Company, soon being elected secretary and has since taken the additional duties of treasurer. Mr. Jones has acquired other financial and business interests both in Warren and elsewhere.

He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the Warren Kiwanis Club, the United Commercial Travelers and the First Presbyterian Church. December 25, 1904, he married Miss Jennie M. Alling, daughter of Charles and Anna (Moran) Alling, of Johnson Township, Trumbull County.

William James Kerr. Three generations of the Kerr family have been active in Warren business affairs, the first two in connection with carriage manufacturing, while William James, representing the third generation, has developed a notable business in Warren as a commercial sign painter and outdoor advertising agency.

The first of the Kerr family in Warren was William J. Kerr, a native of Scotland, who on coming to this country settled first at Philadelphia and later in Warren. In this city for a number of years he was in the carriage manufacturing business, first as a member of the firm Henderson & Kerr, and later with his son under the name W. J. Kerr & Son. William J. Kerr married Helen Beaston, of an old Warren family.

Edward G. Kerr, who was born at Warren in

1866, learned the trade of carriage trimmer. Upon the death of Mr. Henderson, head of the firm of Henderson & Kerr, he bought the Henderson interests and with his father reorganized the business as W. J. Kerr & Son. They continued the manufacture of carriages for a number of years but Edward G. is now living retired. He married Eleanor Gibson, who was born at Warren in 1869, daughter of James and Elizabeth Gibson, who came to Warren from St. Louis, Missouri. James Gibson was a mural decorator of more than ordinary talent, while his wife was an accomplished musician.

William James Kerr therefore inherits both mechanical dexterity and artistic genius from his parents. He was born in Warren November 22, 1890, and acquired a good education in the public schools and in Hiram College. He engaged in the sign and advertising business in 1910, and in subsequent years has extended his enterprise from the scope of a one-man concern to an important establishment, doing all classes of commercial fine work and also outdoor advertising. It is in fact the leading business in Warren. For a time Mr. Kerr operated two shops, one on Dana Avenue and the other on West Market Street. The business headquarters are now on West Market Street.

Mr. Kerr had an interesting record as a soldier. He volunteered in 1917 and on the 5th of December reported at Camp Sherman. He was assigned to the Three Hundred and Eighth Motor Supply Train in the Eighty-Third Division. From February to April, 1918, he was engaged in taking Packard trucks from Detroit to Baltimore. During that service he held the non-commissioned rank of corporal. After returning to Camp Sherman he was ordered on June 4th to Camp Mills, Long Island, and on the 13th of that month was sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where on June 19th he embarked for "somewhere in France." He reached England June 28th, then took passage at Southampton for Havre, arriving on French soil July 1st. Two days later he and his comrades were forwarded to St. Biez, France, near LeMans, headquarters for General Glenn, commander of the Eighty-Third Division. After thirty days in that camp Mr. Kerr was detailed for special work in charge of the sign and automobile painting department in the garage at LeMans. At the same time he was given rank as sergeant, and continued this special service to the Expeditionary Forces until New Year's Day of 1919. Orders then reached him to return home, and sailing from Brest, January 23d, he arrived at New York City, January 31st, and was discharged at Camp Sherman, February 15, 1919. At the latter date he returned home and took charge of his business, which in the meantime had been kept going by Mrs. Kerr, who showed herself an able business woman and did some real war work.

October 20, 1913, Mr. Kerr married Mary Louise Loveless. Her father is Charles B. Loveless, president of the Warren Iron & Steel Company. Mrs. Kerr is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, while he is a member of the Second Christian Church and is affiliated with the Warren Board of Trade, the Warren Rotary Club, the Masonic Club, the Wesleyan Club and Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Mahoning Chapter No. 60.

Charles E. Shriver when a child at school played at undertaking. As he grew up he freely asserted his desire and ambition to learn the undertaking business. Other members of his family did not favor his choice of a profession. He finished his education, and taught school for several years. Finally he realized his boyhood's ambition, and since coming to Youngstown seventeen years ago has given that city one of the best services of the kind.

Mr. Shriver was born in Seneca, Ohio, September 9, 1874, son of William and Ann (Nighswander) Shriver. His father was born at Frederickstown, Maryland, and his mother in Pennsylvania, and both represented what is known as Pennsylvania Dutch stock. As children they were taken by their respective parents to Seneca, Ohio, where they married and where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm. They were members of the Reformed Church. Their three children were: William, who died at the age of twenty-six; Mrs. Emma Heaton, of Tiffin, Ohio; and Charles E.

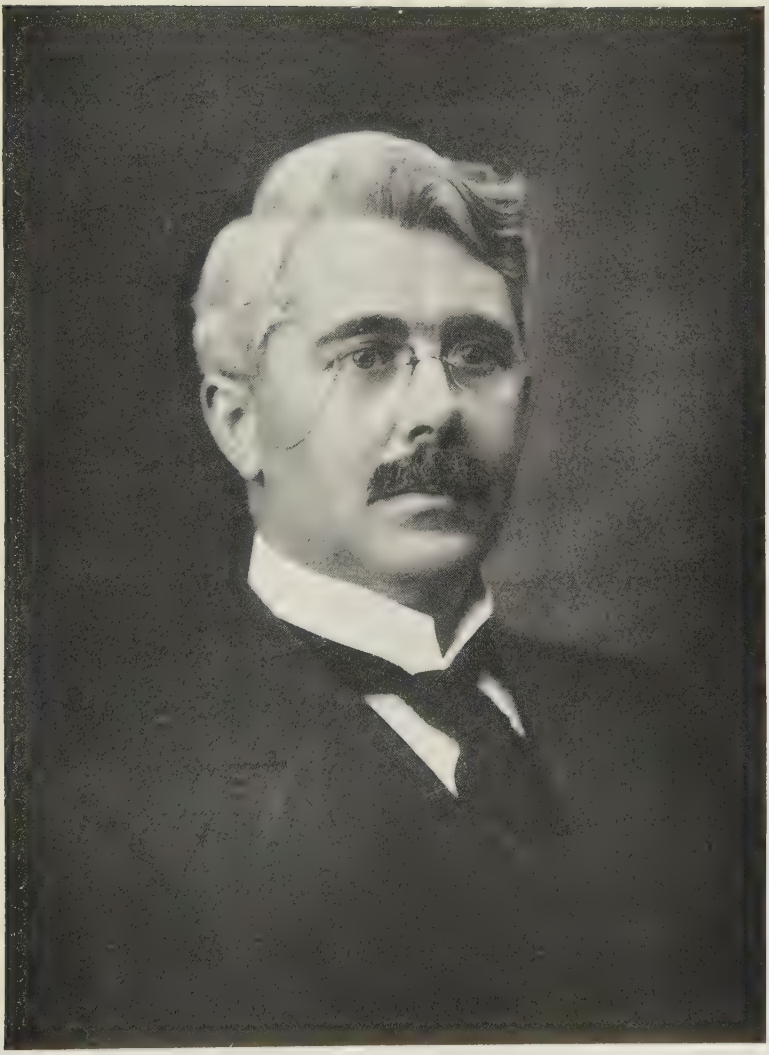
Charles E. Shriver attended the home schools, spent one year in Heidelberg College at Tiffin, and for twelve terms gave the best that was in him to the conduct of various schools. He then engaged in his present profession and business, and was an undertaker at Tiffin, later at Sycamore, Ohio, and in 1902 established his business at 7 Wick Avenue in Youngstown. Mr. Shriver moved to his present quarters in February, 1919. He has always been progressive in his work, has kept the very best of equipment, and conducted the first automobile funeral in Youngstown. He is a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association and is a director of the Citizens Savings and Loan Company. He is also a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies in Masonry, and belongs to Al-Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, Ohio. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

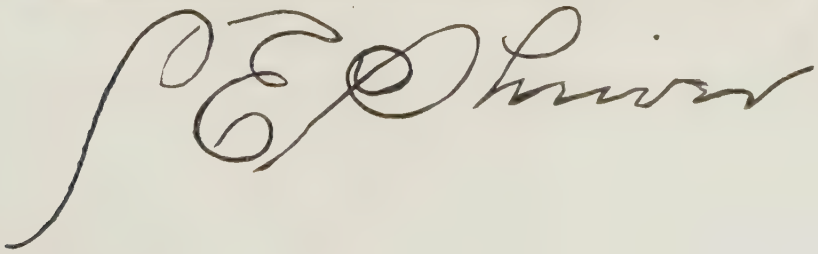
On February 26, 1896, he married Clara A. Norris, daughter of John T. Norris of Tiffin, Ohio.

Walter Glenn Alexander first became identified with the Mahoning Valley as a school teacher and principal, but for nearly ten years has played an active part in business, most of the time in Warren, where he has enjoyed a number of interesting relations with the business and civic affairs of the community today.

He was born on a farm in Guernsey County, Ohio, October 29, 1884, son of John P. and Dorcas B. (Niblock) Alexander. His parents were born in Harrison County, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, James Alexander, was also a native of Ohio, while his wife, Margaret, was born in Pennsylvania. Warren is the present home of John P. and Dorcas B. Alexander.

Up to the age of eighteen years Walter G. Alexander lived on a farm in Guernsey County. He





graduated in 1903 from the high school at Freeport, Ohio, then taught for a year, and received his advanced education in Muskingum College, where he obtained the Bachelor of Science degree in 1908. That year he became principal of the high school at Girard, Ohio, and remained in charge of that school for three years.

In November, 1911, Mr. Alexander embarked his capital and his experience in the clothing business at Warren. He sold out in 1913 in order to take charge of the commercial department of the law firm of Dolan & Hoffman at Youngstown, but in 1915 returned to Warren and has since handled a prosperous and growing brokerage business, stocks, bonds and real estate. He is a director in the Trumbull Realty & Investment Company, an incorporator of the Valley City Mortgage & Loan Company, and up to Janaury 1, 1920, was secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Trumbull Coal Company.

At different times in the last ten years his name has been actively associated with various civic and educational movements. He was manager of the Trumbull County Dry Federation, and contributed in an important measure to the state-wide prohibition movement. He was manager of the Federation when the state law went into effect. He is vice president of the Warren Board of Education and a member of the Warren Board of Trade. Mr. Alexander is a steward in the First Presbyterian Church, and for three years was superintendent of its Sunday school. He is affiliated with Carroll F. Clapp Lodge of Masons, being a charter member, and is a member of the Masonic Club and the Knights of Pythias.

He married Miss Ada Frances Goodman, who was born at Piedmont in Harrison County, Ohio, a daughter of John and Matilda (Frizzell) Goodman. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have two children, Robert Glenn and Richard Lee.

William H. B. Ward. The Ward family has been closely associated with the history of the Mahoning Valley for three-quarters of a century, and three of its generations have played important parts in the development of the valley into one of the great industrial centers of the world. One of its first generation built the first rolling-mill in the valley and in the State of Ohio, and so far as record goes was the first man in the valley to practically use pig-iron made from raw coal and also the first to practically utilize the blackband ore of this region; one of the second generation was active in the successful operation of iron mills; and one of the third generation was a factor in the founding of one of the valley's great steel mills of the present day.

James Ward (I), grandfather of the present generation, and the pioneer builder of rolling-mills, was an Englishman by birth, but with the exception of his first four years his entire life was spent in this country, the last fifty years of it in the Mahoning Valley. He was born near Dudley in Staffordshire, England, on November 25, 1813, and came from a family of iron-workers. He was but four years of age when he came with his parents to America in 1817. The family located at Pittsburgh, and it was in that city that young James was reared, and where he laid the practical foundation for the successful career which was to follow. He left school at the age of thirteen years to go to work in assisting his father in the making of wrought-iron nails by hand. When he was nineteen years of age he took up engineering. In 1841 he came into the Mahoning Valley, and in 1842 he built and put in operation the James Ward & Company's rolling mill at Niles, which was the pioneer mill of the valley and of Ohio. After a long and active career he died at Niles on July 24, 1864, leaving as a heritage to his posterity a name known not only all over Ohio but to the country at large—the name of an honorable and liberal man, one endowed with remarkable business genius and business enterprise, and one who won and held the love of his intimates and gained the respect and admiration of all who knew him personally, and of many who did not have the pleasure of personal acquaintance.

James Ward (II) was born at Pittsburgh and following in the footsteps of his father, became a manufacturer of iron. For a number of years he was identified with his father's interests at Niles, and later owned and operated rolling mills at New Philadelphia, Ohio. He wedded Lizzie B., the daughter of William H. Brown, of Pittsburgh, who was long a prominent and successful operator and shipper of coal, and as such was known all up and down the Ohio Valley.

William H. B. Ward, of the third and present generation, son of James and Lizzie B. Ward, was born at Niles, Ohio, on September 17, 1866. As a boy he attended school and spent his odd hours and vacation days at minor tasks in the Ward Mills. Later he was associated with his father's mills at New Philadelphia. At about that time either he or his father decided that he should prepare for the legal profession, and he read law at Niles and Warren for three years. But the lure of business life, especially for the making of iron and steel, was strong in him, and he did not qualify for admission to the bar, but gave up his legal studies and went to Kentucky, where he spent the next five years in association with an uncle, S. S. Brown, who was engaged in developing and operating large coal interests in that state.

In 1900 Mr. Ward was made superintendent of the Struthers plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company. Six years later, however, he resigned that position, returned to Niles and became identified with the interests of Jonathan Warner of Youngstown, first as superintendent of the Empire Iron & Steel Company, owned by Mr. Warner. That property was sold in 1912, and in that year Mr. Ward joined Mr. Warner, Mr. Hardesty and other well-known local steel men in the promotion and organization of the Trumbull Steel Company and in the building of its great plant at Warren. He was in charge of the building of the plant, which is one of the largest and most modern steel plants in the world, and as vice president of the company he continues in charge of its practical operation.

Aside from the making of steel products Mr. Ward is, and has been for some years, very active and prominent in civic affairs. Especially was he active during the period of the great war, and he rendered to his country patriotic and valuable services when

the nation was making its supreme effort, subordinating for the time being his business and private interests to the Government. He served as chairman of the Trumbull County Draft Board and as a trustee of the local War Chest and on various committees. Wherever and whenever he saw opportunity for war work of any kind he willingly and enthusiastically entered upon such work, and his efforts, as much as those of any other one man, helped make possible the glorious record established by old Trumbull County in service to the nation—a record not surpassed by any other county in the Union.

Since Mr. Ward has been a citizen of Warren he has taken a keen interest in civic affairs, and has lent his support to all public movements inaugurated for the advancement of the city and for the welfare of the community. He is a trustee of the Warren Public Library, and is very much interested in the Warren City Hospital of which he is also a trustee, and, in fact, in all of the city's institutions.

As a high-minded, practical and able business man, and as a patriotic, useful and worthy citizen, Mr. Ward has won and holds the esteem of his fellow citizens, who admire and honor him for what he is, for what he has done and for what he is doing.

In 1897 Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Earlie Hice, who was born at New Castle, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Samuel Hice, a successful traveling salesman for many years of that city. To this marriage two children have been born: Mary Warner Ward and William H. B. Ward, Jr., the latter of whom died in 1917.

Robert T. Izant. Closely identified with the banking history of the Mahoning Valley for over forty years, and as an attorney for even a longer period, Robert T. Izant has exerted a constructive influence over the affairs of Warren, and is probably one of the most thoroughly representative men of this region.

The branch of the Izant family to which Mr. Izant belongs came to the United States from Somersetshire, England, in 1872 and located at Warren, Ohio, that same year, and in this city, Mr. Izant's parents, Walter and Martha (Rossiter) Izant, passed the remainder of their useful lives. Walter Izant was an iron-worker and died in 1900. His widow survived him until 1912, when she died at the extremely old age of ninety-five years.

Robert T. Izant was born at Great Elm, Somersetshire, England, on March 18, 1855, and was in his seventeenth year when the family came to Warren. He began his business career in the fall of 1873 as clerk in the law office of the late John M. Stull of Warren, who later became his preceptor in the study of law. Mr. Izant was admitted to the bar in April, 1878, following which he embarked in a general law practice at Warren, and continued it very successfully for twenty years, when he gave it up to enter the banking business.

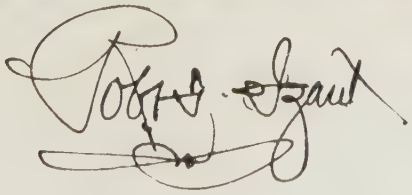
Mr. Izant was the principal, if not the sole, organizer of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company of today. He became secretary and attorney of that company, and continued to be secretary through its changes in organization to January 1, 1920, at which time he was elected president and is one of the three living founders.

As an attorney Mr. Izant was a success, but it is as a financier that he has developed genius out of the ordinary, and to this genius is due in a very great measure the growth of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company from a financial institution with assets of $34,311.30 in 1890 to one of the solid financial institutions of the state, with assets of $4,467,285.53 in 1919. The Trumbull Savings & Loan Company is the oldest savings institution in Trumbull County, and its career has been one of steady growth, expansion and popularity. In the fall of 1906 this company established a branch under the parental name at Girard, Ohio, and in 1918 it organized the Trumbull Banking Company, also of Girard, with Mr. Izant as vice president of the latter. He is also a director and secretary of the People's Ice & Cold Storage Company of Warren, and a member of the executive committee of the State League of Home Building & Loan Associations. He is and has been for forty-eight years a member of the First Methodist Church of Warren, and belongs to the Rotary Club, also of Warren. In his fraternal relations he maintains membership with the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. In 1888 Mr. Izant was united in marriage with Sadee M. King, a daughter of James M. King, of Kinsman, Trumbull County, and to them has been born one son, James R., on June 18, 1891, who was educated at Hobart, College of Geneva, New York, and in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and is now secretary of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company. He married Margaret Wilhelm, a daughter of J. C. Wilhelm of Warren, and they have one daughter, Margaret G.

Jules Vautrot, Jr., of Warren, has been identified with the history of this city for half a century and he still maintains his identification with its business as president of the Vautrot & Myers Company, the oldest and leading jewelry store in Trumbull County.

The Vautrot family is of old Huguenot stock, and was founded in America in 1832 by Francis Vautrot, grandfather of Jules Vautrot, Jr., who was driven out of the French province of Lorraine by the persecution of the Huguenots in 1832. Upon reaching America he went to the French settlement at Mead's Corners, six miles distant from Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where he bought land and established his home and followed farming. Two of his sons had come to the United States prior to his arrival, one going to Oppalassa, Louisiana, where he married a southern woman, became a large slaveholder and ardently espoused the cause of the South when war was declared. The other son settled at Mobile, Alabama, where he became editor of the Mobile Advertiser and Register, which newspaper is still being published. This American ancestor of the Vautrot family lived the remainder of his active days in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and then came to Warren, where he died and is buried.

Jules Vautrot, son of Francis and father of Jules, Jr., of Warren, was born at Nancy, France, in 1819, and was a boy thirteen years of age when the family came to America. He learned the silversmith trade at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and after working at it in that city for a time he with six other young men voyaged down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in



a scow, drifting with the currents, to New Orleans, Louisiana, from which city Jules Vautrot went to Oppalassa, Louisiana, and there spent the next six years, working at his trade, also manufacturing by hand gold rings, scarf pins and other articles of jewelry. Returning to the North, he worked for a time at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and then, in 1847, he came to Warren Ohio, and went to work for Ashbel King, the pioneer jeweler of this city. At Mead's Corners he married Rosalie Gaudilott, who was born in Lorraine, France, and came to America when young with her parents and eleven other children of the family, settling on their large farm at Mead's Corners, Pennsylvania.

The elder Jules Vautrot made the trip from Pennsylvania to Warren, Ohio, with his family in a wagon, as was quite customary in those days. In 1849 he engaged in business on his own account in a small frame building on Market Street, a few doors west of the present store of his son. He met with success and soon built up a good business, and continued in active charge of it for many years, gradually, as he grew older, however, relinquishing the store to the management of his son, Jules, Jr. In 1890 he permanently retired from active business, and died in 1902. His wife died in 1856. He was an uncompromising member of the republican party from its organization, and during the war between the states, although two of his brothers were in the South and strong sympathizers with its cause, he was just as strong in his support of the North, and an abolitionist, and what is more he had the courage of his convictions and the disposition to air his opinions. Many prominent men of Warren were his friends and well remember him.

Jules Vautrot, Jr., was born at Mead's Corners on September 21, 1845, and was two years old when he was brought to Warren by his parents. His sister, Miss Julie, who is his junior by sixteen months, is still living and makes her home in the family residence on Mahoning Avenue. He was educated in the public schools of Warren, which he left in 1862 to enlist in the Eighty-Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three months service, but saw a service extending over four months and twenty days, mostly in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Warren and to school in 1863. His father needing his assistance in the store, the young soldier once more left school and took up an apprenticeship at watch repairing. Soon, however, he became salesman and then buyer, and following his father's death he succeeded to the business, and took as partners his son Phil and Charles Myers, under the firm name of Vautrot & Myers Company, which was incorporated in 1910, with Mr. Vautrot as president and his son as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Vautrot now confines his business activities to being the financial man of the company. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Western Reserve Bank; vice president of the Peoples Ice and Cold Storage Company; vice president of the Warren & Niles Telephone Company, and for the last twenty years has been vice president of Oakwood Cemetery Company.

Mr. Vautrot is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Warren Chapter and Commandery; Lake Erie Consistory, and Al Koran Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and was the first candidate initiated by Warren Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, after the latter lodge had obtained its charter. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and belongs to the Warren Board of Trade. Mr. Vautrot served as director of safety for Warren, and during his incumbency of that office was active in installing the motor equipment of the fire and police departments.

The maiden name of Mrs. Vautrot was Frances Richards, and she is a daughter of William Richards, who built the first blast furnace at Brier Hill, where Mrs. Vautrot was born. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vautrot: Grace, who married Fred Byard, a druggist of Warren, and they have two children, Mary Frances and Julie; Phil R., who is secretary and treasurer of the Vautrot & Myers Company, is unmarried; and Louis R., who is an electrical engineer with a large concern in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, married Mae Chryst, a daughter of Solomon R. Chryst of Warren.

GEORGE M. TAYLOR. Salesmanship is something which cannot be taught to anyone unless he has a natural aptitude for the work, and the most successful men in the business are those who have acquired their skill through practical experience. One of the men who has brought salesmanship up to the highest possible standard is George M. Taylor, now representing Clawson & Wilson in the Mahoning Valley, his territory extending from Warren to New Castle, and from East Liverpool to Sharon, Pennsylvania.

George M. Taylor was born at Delta, Ohio, July 1, 1881, a son of George A. and Christiana Taylor, the former now a resident of Youngstown. George A. Taylor was born in the Highlands of Perth, Scotland, and his wife was born in Inverness, Scotland. When still a young man came to the United States, and she followed a little later, and they were married on her arrival in this country. George A. Taylor became a freight engineer on the New York Central Railroad, making his home first in Cleveland, Ohio, and later at Youngstown, where he located permanently in 1905. Their children were as follows: Mary, who was a teacher in the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, married William G. Gilmore, and they live in California; Wallace P., who is employed at the William Pollock Plant of Youngstown; James D., who was a salesman, died in 1919; and George M., who was the youngest born.

George M. Taylor attended the Central High School at Cleveland, Ohio, and then served an apprenticeship of three years learning the dry goods business with Root & McBride of Cleveland, and next held a position as city salesman for Cleveland in the employ of William Taylor & Sons Company. In 1905 he came to Youngstown and for nine years was a salesman for the Youngstown Dry Goods Company, but severed his connections with that establishment to form his present ones with the Clawson-Wilson Company. Mr. Taylor has his offices in the Federal Building. He has built up a wonderful trade and has many friends of long standing.

In 1908 Mr. Taylor was married to Elizabeth O'Rourke, a daughter of John L. O'Rourke, of an old

family of Niles, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two children, Ruth and Martha.

Mr. Taylor belongs to Western Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the United Commercial Travelers, the North Side Club, organized to advocate the building of Belmont Avenue Bridge, and the Lakes and Ohio Canal Commission. He has always taken a constructive interest in the advancement of Youngstown since coming here, and is in every way worthy the confidence which is placed in him by his fellow citizens.

CHARLES B. CUSHWA, general manager of the Brier Hill Steel Company, has been a resident of Youngstown since 1901, and since early youth has been identified with some phase of the iron and steel business.

His Americanism is the product of more than two centuries of residence on the part of his ancestors. The family was founded by a John Cushwa, who immigrated from the French Province of Alsace in 1685 and located at Womelsdorf in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Members of the Cushwa family fought on the American side in the Revolutionary war. John Cushwa, great-grandfather of Charles B., was in the War of 1812 and was wounded in the engagement at Bladenburg near Baltimore

Charles B. Cushwa was born at Williamsport, Maryland, November 15, 1873, son of George C. and Ella A. (Clarke) Cushwa and a grandson of David Cushwa. George C. Cushwa moved to Pittsburgh in 1883 and for a number of years was superintendent of the Republic Iron Works, now a part of the National Tube Works.

From the age of nine years Charles B. Cushwa lived in Pittsburgh, received his education in the parochial and public schools of that city, and at the age of eighteen went on the pay roll of the Republic Iron Works as a bill clerk. He was with that concern and the National Tube Works until 1901, and had been promoted to assistant general superintendent. On coming to Youngstown he was made general superintendent of the Youngstown Iron and Steel Company, and continued with its successor, the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, until September 1, 1918. Mr. Cushwa has been general manager of the Brier Hill Steel Company since May 1, 1920. He is one of a group of exceptionally able technical experts who in recent years have made the Brier Hill Company one of the most efficient and progressive organizations of the kind in the country.

Mr. Cushwa is also a director of the Commercial National Bank. He is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the Engineers Club, the Youngstown Club, the Knights of Columbus, is a republican voter and a Catholic. October 15, 1901, he married Miss Mary Coll, of Pittsburgh. Their two children are Raymond C. and Charles B., Jr.

JONATHAN WARNER. The Mahoning Valley is the birthplace of a number of men whose achievements in different lines of endeavor and whose worth as citizens have reflected great credit upon the valley and earned for them honorable mention in the history of the community. One of them is Jonathan Warner, founder and guiding genius of the great Trumbull Steel Company at Warren.

He was born at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, August 2, 1867, son of the late Jacob B. and grandson of Jonathan Warner, first. The Warner family was established in America during the sixteen hundreds, and the men of the succeeding generations have borne their full responsibilities as citizens. One of them was a soldier and died in the Continental line during the Revolutionary war, and another was a soldier and died in the War of 1812.

The Mahoning Valley pioneer of the family was Jonathan Warner, first, who settled at Youngstown during the early '40s. He was born at Sodus Point, New York, where he married Elizabeth Field, first cousin to Cyrus West Field, who laid the first Atlantic cable. The Fields came over from England on the Mayflower. Jonathan Warner as a Youngstown merchant at one time had a store on the present site of the George Fordyce Block on Federal Street. Later he became active in industrial affairs, building and operating glass furnaces in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and also operated coal mines which he opened at Mineral Ridge. After a long and successful business career he retired from active life in 1875 and died at Youngstown in 1892.

Jacob B. Warner, his son, was born at Sodus Point, New York, and became associated with his father in coal mining at Mineral Ridge, but in 1879 removed to Colorado and for several years owned and operated a smelter at Denver. He died in Florida in 1910. He married Maria Lewis, daughter of John Lewis, a native of London, England, who surveyed and opened up the first coal mine at Mineral Ridge.

Jonathan Warner, second, was but a boy when his father removed to Colorado. He was educated in the public schools of Denver, in the Rayen High School at Youngstown and at Williams College. He left college in his junior year to go to work in the shops of the Falcon Iron and Nail Company at Niles. In 1895, in company with others, Mr. Warner built the Struthers Sheet Mill, which property was absorbed by the United States Steel Corporation in 1900, Mr. Warner remaining as general manager of the corporation's mills, with headquarters at New York City.

He had visions of an independent career and of an organization of his own, and possessed ample faith in himself to attempt the realization of his ambition. Returning to Youngstown in 1907, he in that year purchased the Empire Iron & Steel Mills at Niles, which he later sold to the Brier Hill Steel Company.

The crowning achievement of his career at the present time is the creation of the great Trumbull Steel Company at Warren, from the inception of which project until its consummation his genius was exemplified at every point. He promoted it, perfected the organization, built the plant and put it in successful operation, and to him is due the credit for bringing into existence one of the big industrial enterprises of the Mahoning Valley, an enterprise which has greatly promoted the progress and development of the entire district and especially the City of Warren. If for no other reason than what Mr. Warner and the Trumbull Steel have done and are still doing

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for this section of Ohio, his name should be written high on the scroll containing the names of distinguished men and public benefactors of the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Warner's success in life may be traced to his inherent qualities of both mind and heart, to his genius for organization, his ability as an executive and to the courage of his convictions. Born in the Mahoning Valley, reared in the haze and smoke of its industries, he has always been an enthusiastic believer in the valley and has an unwavering faith that it will become one of if not the greatest industrial centers of the world, and has always cherished likewise an ambition to make his individual influence count in the web of events that will bring about such an end.

He has other extensive interests outside of iron and steel. He is a director of the First National and the Dollar Savings Bank and the Realty Guarantee & Trust Company of Youngstown and the Union Commerce National Bank of Cleveland. For a number of years an institution that has deeply interested him has been the Young Men's Christian Association, and he has served as president of the Youngstown branch of the association. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Youngstown Club, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. Relaxation from business he finds on his fine farm near Youngstown, where he is a successful grower of blooded cattle.

Mr. Warner married Mary B. Ward, daughter of the late James B. Ward, second, of Niles, and sister of Capt. W. H. B. Ward. At her death in 1906 she left a daughter, Elizabeth Brown Ward Warner, who is the wife of Edwin Ford Clark of Youngstown, president of the Newton Steel Company at Newton Falls, Ohio.

Elmer Eugene Nash, one of the commanding figures in the industrial life of the Mahoning Valley, has been prominent in the business affairs of Warren for nearly thirty years and since 1901 has been treasurer of the Peerless Brilliant Lamp Company, and is also interested in a number of other local concerns to which his sagacity and capability give added strength. Mr. Nash was born on the family farm in Portage County, Ohio, July 11, 1848, a son of Abraham B. Nash, a native of New York State, who followed farming in Portage County from young manhood until his death in 1874. He married Jane Clark, a native of Portage County, Ohio, the daughter of Robert Clark. She died about 1902.

Elmer Eugene Nash was reared in Portage County, and attended the district schools and Miami Commercial College at Dayton, Ohio. In 1870 he began his business career with the wholesale grocery house of Babcock, Hurd & Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, but after a year in the store he became one of its traveling salesmen, and so continued until 1877, when he purchased a general store at Burton, Ohio, and for over thirteen years conducted the largest merchandising business in Geauga County.

In 1892 Mr. Nash came to Warren and assisted in establishing the wholesale grocery firm of Graham, Nash & De Voe, in which he retained an active interest until 1901, when he resigned, although he retained his stock, in order to accept the position of sales manager of the Warren Electric & Specialty Company, manufacturers of incandescent lamps. Later on that concern was merged into the Peerless Brilliant Lamp Division of the General Electric Company, of which he was made treasurer, and he has acted in that capacity ever since. For more than twenty years he has been a director of the Second National Bank of Warren, and has always been active in the industrial and financial affairs of Warren. He was one of the organizers and first president of the Trumbull Club of Warren, and is a member of the Rotary Club and of the Warren Board of Trade.

For years he has been active in the Masonic order, and is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, and Al Koran Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Nash was commissioned in 1884 a colonel on the staff of Governor George Hoadley of Ohio. He is a member of the First Christian Church of Warren, of which he has long been a trustee.

In 1876 Mr. Nash was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Harmon, of Aurora, Ohio, a daughter of Edward C. Harmon. Mr. and Mrs. Nash became the parents of the following children: Fred H., who is vice president and treasurer of the O'Donohue, Knight & Gage Company, wholesale dealers in teas, coffees and spices at Cleveland, Ohio, married Louise Jackson, and they have one daughter, Marjory; Ralph C., who served as lieutenant of artillery in the American Expeditionary Force, as a member of the Three Hundred and Nineteenth Field Artillery, is now sales manager of the Peerless Brilliant Lamp Division at Warren; and Ada L., who is at home.

Frederick Klippert. Thorough training and wide experience alone could have brought Frederick Klippert to his responsible position of superintendent of the Warren plant of the General American Tank Car Corporation, where vast capital is involved and important interests are served, twelve tank cars a day being the output. A man of great executive ability, with tact and judgment combined with knowledge and skill, Mr. Klippert is undoubtedly just the right man in the right place.

Frederick Klippert was born at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1872. He is a son of John and Catherine (Eckstein) Klippert, the latter of whom died in 1916. She was born in Germany but spent all but ten of her eighty years of life in America. The father of Mr. Klippert was born at Chambersburg in 1849, followed the trade of tinsmith during his active years and now lives retired. His father, John Klippert, was born in Saxony, Germany, and was the founder of this branch of the family in America. He was a blacksmith for the Cumberland Valley Railroad at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Klippert obtained his education in the public schools of Chambersburg, and when sixteen years of age began an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade and served three years, and one year as a journeyman. He then entered the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Altoona, where he worked steadily

for nine years, after which for ten years he was on the road under the engineer of tests, and was in charge of the work at different plants for five years of that time. In 1910 he came to Warren on business for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and while here became identified with his present company as assistant superintendent, soon being made superintendent. At that time the concern was employing not more than thirty men, but after Mr. Klippert took charge expansion began and at the present time the company has 175 well paid men on its payroll, and production has climbed to the very large percentage of twelve tank cars daily.

Mr. Klippert was united in marriage to Miss Missouri Wambaugh, who was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and was teaching in the public school at Altoona when she first met Mr. Klippert. They have three sons, namely: John Frederick, Walter Edward and Donald Sylvester. Mr. Klippert and his family belong to the First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Warren Rotary Club and is active in all that concerns the welfare of the city. For many years a Mason, he belongs to Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Warren, and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is not a man who has ever permitted himself an undue amount of relaxation, as he has always placed business before pleasure, but since coming to Warren he has become an active member of the Rotary Club and also has become associated with the Trumbull Country Club.

Thomas M. Phillips, former superintendent of the washed metal department of the Brier Hill Steel Company, and since January 1, 1920, vice president and manager of the Youngstown Steel Company, and Experimental Mechanical Puddling plant, is a practical expert in the iron and steel industry and was associated with the business of the present Brier Hill Steel Company for fully a quarter of a century.

He was born at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1868, son of Robert and Katherine (Davis) Phillips. His parents were born and married in Wales and soon afterward came to this country, living for a short time in New York and afterward going to Pennsylvania, where Robert Phillips entered the iron industry. By a thorough apprenticeship he acquired a practical knowledge of the iron business, and he held many posts of responsibility. At one time he was connected with the plant at Wheatland, Pennsylvania, again at Cleveland, Ohio, and for three years lived at Springfield, Illinois. Through the influence of Edward L. Ford, superintendent of the plant at Springfield, he returned east to Youngstown and helped build the first furnace of the Youngstown Steel Company. Later he built the washed metal plant for the same company at Brier Hill, the plant of which his son became superintendent. Robert Phillips was superintendent of this washed metal department until a short period before his death, which occurred in January, 1907.

Thomas M. Phillips, who succeeded his father as superintendent in 1905, received his early education in Cleveland and at Springfield, Illinois. One of his youthful experiences was clerking in a store. At the age of eighteen he began mastering the steel industry, and under the guidance and with the encouragement of his father made good use of his exceptional advantages. At the age of eighteen he was put to work on a twelve-inch rolling mill. He also learned furnace building under his father, and while at that gained his first knowledge of puddling. He was employed in various mills, and in 1889 went to Colorado and built and operated the puddling furnace at Pueblo.

Mr. Phillips returned to Youngstown and in 1895 entered the service of the Youngstown Steel Company. When this plant was merged with the Brier Hill Steel Company he continued with the latter organization and became one of the oldest men in the service of the company.

Mr. Phillips is a member of the Engineers Club of the Youngstown district. He also belongs to the Youngstown Country Club, is an Elk, a republican and a Presbyterian. October 19, 1897, he married Miss Minnie A. Garrison, of Niles, Ohio. They are the parents of one daughter, Martha J.

Frank Dana McCluer. While his home and business interests have been centered at Warren for the past ten years, Frank Dana McCluer has met the successive problems of life under a great variety of circumstances, time and place, and in pursuit of business has covered a large part of this country. For the greater part of his active career he has been a practical lumberman, and is now president and general manager of the McCluer Lumber Company at Warren.

Mr. McCluer was born at Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, New York, December 18, 1864. His branch of the McCluer family was established in America in 1711 by John and James McCluer, brothers, who settled at Charlestown, Massachusetts. A few years later John moved to Carlisle, Pennsylvania. James, the other brother, remained in Massachusetts and was the ancestor of the New York branch of the family. His direct descendant, Col. Joseph McCluer, great-grandfather of the Warren business man, moved to New York State in 1806. He was a surveyor in the employ of the Holland Land Company, and thereafter made his permanent home at Franklinville. He served with the rank of colonel in the regular army during the War of 1812, and in after years was commissioned a major general of militia. His son Samuel McCluer married Eliza Carpenter. Samuel died at Franklinville, when his son Frederick was only four years of age. Frederick McCluer, father of Frank Dana McCluer, was born at Franklinville, was a farmer in that community, and later entered the lumber industry in Pennsylvania and Minnesota. He and his brother erected the first saw mill on the site of the city of Albert Lea in Minnesota Territory in 1852. Frederick McCluer died at Franklinville about 1900. He married Parmelia Nichols, who was born at Eldred, McKean County, Pennsylvania. Her father, Samuel Nichols, was a native of Northern Vermont, and was a direct descendant of Colonel Nichols, who was an officer in the British army under General Burgoyne during the Revolutionary war, but after that struggle re-

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mained in America and located in Vermont. Mrs. Frederick McCluer died in 1912.

Frank Dana McCluer was reared at Franklinville, where he attended the old Ten Broeck Academy. Leaving school in 1880, at the age of sixteen, he went into the Bradford oil country of Pennsylvania. Two years later he became an employe of the prominent Dusenberry Lumber Company at Portville, New York. Thereafter for three years he made his headquarters in New York, and for seven years was in Wyoming, engaged in operating Star Route stage freight contracts and also prospecting. On his return home to New York in 1892 he remained a year or so, and in 1894 engaged in the lumber business in Pennsylvania. He was in the mills and also on the road, with headquarters at Pittsburgh, most of the time until 1911.

Mr. McCluer came to Warren on January 1, 1911, and in the latter part of 1913 organized the Home Lumber Company. He withdrew from that organization in February, 1919, and in March established the McCluer Lumber Company, which was incorporated March 3d with a capital stock of $50,000. Mr. McCluer is its president and general manager. The company has established warehouses and yards on Summit Street, and the business has had a flourishing record from the very beginning. Mr. McCluer is also president of the Warren Builders Exchange. He is an active member of the Warren Board of Trade, the local Rotary Club, the Warren Automobile Club and the United Commercial Travelers.

He married Alice Vosburgh, daughter of William and Mary (Simms) Vosburgh, of Bradford, Pennsylvania. They have two children: Frederick William, who is a student in Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and Frank Dana, Jr., in the Warren High School.

Frederick Thomas Stone, principal of the Burnett and Stone Insurance Agency, Warren, Ohio, and formerly county auditor, has lived practically his whole life in the City of Warren and its environs. He is one of the best known residents of Warren, and has an enviable record in all phases of its life and activities. For over thirty years he has been active in the business, public, and church life of the community, and is generally well regarded by the people of the city and county.

The Stone family is a historic one of Warren. At the old family homestead just beyond the city limits Frederick Thomas Stone was born August 11, 1863. The Ohio members of the family are directly descended from Thomas Stone, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. During the latter years of the eighteenth century there lived at Bristol, Connecticut, a hatter named Nathaniel Stone. His son Roswell Nathaniel, better known in Ohio as Gen. Roswell Stone, was born at Bristol in 1793. He had excellent educational advantages, graduating with honors in the class with Rufus P. Spalding at Yale College in September, 1817. In 1821 he received the degree Master of Arts at Yale College. For about a year he taught school at Port Tobacco, Maryland, but did not find that vocation suited to his ambition. Turning his eyes to what was then called the far West, he came to Warren in 1822. He was commissioned to sell land for the Connecticut Land Company, but soon established a law practice and was appointed prosecuting attorney in 1823. He served as prosecuting attorney in the trial of Ira West Gardner, who was convicted and hanged, this being the only case of capital punishment recorded in Trumbull County. General Stone has been described as "a lawyer of learning and distinction and of fine personal appearance." He was an able lawyer, was elected to the Legislature from Trumbull County and was commissioned a general during the old militia training days. His work as a lawyer and his personal character were held in high esteem by many prominent men. One of his stanch admirers was David Tod, who studied law with General Stone. David Tod, afterward governor of Ohio, was administrator of the Stone estate and legal adviser to the widow. Governor Tod's bond as administrator, signed by David Tod, Charles Smith and Henry Smith, is now in the possession of Frederick Thomas Stone.

General Stone had been in Warren only a short time when he returned East and on September 16, 1822, married Caroline N. Merriman, daughter of Dr. Titus Merriman of Bristol, Connecticut. She was a friend and classmate of Harriet Beecher Stowe in college, and always cherished her recollections of that great American woman. General Stone and bride came to Warren to live, and their four children were born in the city. General Stone died in 1833. His widow survived until 1892. They were the parents of four children, Henry Roswell; Frederick Nathaniel, who never married; and two that died in childhood.

Henry Roswell Stone was born in 1825 and spent his active life as a farmer, living for the last four or five years at Warren, where he died in 1892. He married Catherine L. Pew in 1853. She was a daughter of Thomas and Polly (Dunlap) Pew of Lordstown, Ohio. She was the mother of two sons and two daughters: Henry Merriman, who was born in 1858, is a wholesale and commission merchant of Denver, Colorado, and first married Minnie Allen, of Akron, Ohio, and after her death Maora Cole, of Norwalk, Ohio; Caroline L., who was born in 1854 and died in 1903, became the wife of Henry Milton Harsh, of Warren, and left two children, Kenneth M. Harsh, of Canastota, New York, and Paul R. Harsh, of Ravenna, Ohio; and Frederick Thomas Stone, the youngest.

Frederick T. Stone passed his early school days in the public schools of his home district, and eventually he took the collegiate course at Hiram College. He appears to have decided to enter commercial life, for in 1886, he being then twenty-three years old, he entered the store of Kneeland Brothers of Warren as a clerk. For nine years he remained as a salesman with that firm, after which, in 1895, he ventured into independent merchandising business in Warren. He remained independently established in such business until 1901, when he sold the business to good advantage. He was influenced in doing so, to some extent, by the offer he had received from the county auditor, C. C. Clauson, who soon afterward appointed Mr. Stone his deputy. Mr. Stone continued as deputy county auditor until 1909, when he was elected to

the county auditorship. He was re-elected at the termination of his first two years in office. He vacated the office in September, 1913, and immediately thereafter established himself in business as an insurance agent in partnership with A. C. Burnett, the firm name being Burnett and Stone. The partnership continued until June, 1919, when Mr. Stone acquired Mr. Burnett's interest and has since conducted the agency singly, under the name of the Burnett and Stone Insurance Agency. He writes considerable business, being very well known in the city and county. His offices are in the Western Reserve Building.

Mr. Stone has always shown much interest in the development and advancement of Warren, and of late years has been an active member of the Warren Board of Trade. He has also been prominently identified with the functioning of local branches of fraternal orders. He is a prominent Mason, member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar. He is a past master of Old Erie Lodge and past high priest of the Mahoning Chapter. He is also a member of Mahoning Lodge No. 29, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

His record in church work is an enviable one. He is an elder of the Central Christian Church and for thirty-five years has served continuously as a member of its choir. On September 7, 1892, he married Carrie Silliman, of a well known Ohio family. She was born in Fowler, Trumbull County, the daughter of Addison R. and Lucy (Baldwin) Silliman, and granddaughter of Abija Silliman, one of the founders of the old First National Bank of Youngstown.

George R. Perkins, who has lived his life in the industrial atmosphere of Youngstown and district, was born at Weathersfield in Trumbull County, March 21, 1862, son of Richard and Mary (Jones) Perkins. His father was a native of England and his mother of Wales. They came with their respective families to the United States and were married at Weathersfield, Ohio. Richard Perkins grew up in the coal districts of England, and in Eastern Ohio was superintendent of several mines, including the old Hogue mine at Youngstown.

George R. Perkins had a public school education and with the exception of one year spent at Hamilton, Ontario, has lived in the three Ohio industrial cities of Youngstown, Girard and Niles. His first experience in the steel business was in the rolling mills at Niles, and was shipping clerk for James Ward at the time of Ward's last failure in business. Coming to Youngstown, he was employed in the Valley store about two years, and in 1885 became an employe of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company in a clerical capacity, and for about twenty years he was superintendent of the Youngstown Steel Company. He has been with the Brier Hill Steel Company since its organization and for several years has been secretary to the general manager. Mr. Perkins is also vice president of the Perkins Hardware Company.

He is a member of the Engineering Club of Youngstown, the Chamber of Commerce, is a republican, and is affiliated with Hillman Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Youngstown, Ohio, with the Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

May 31, 1888, he married Frances E. Anderson, of Church Hill. She died in 1906, the mother of three children: Harry, Mary Anderson and Dorothy Frances. Harry was a graduate of the Rayen High School and died at the early age of nineteen, just at the promise of young manhood. The daughter Mary is the wife of Arthur Purnell, a New York salesman for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, and they have one daughter, Martha Frances Purnell.

Benjamin Woodford Edwards, secretary-treasurer of the Warren City Tank and Boiler Company, of which he was one of the organizers and which is one of the important manufacturing industries of Warren, Ohio, is a public-spirited man of creditable record. He is an active member of the Warren Board of Trade, and is interested in many industrial and financial organizations of consequence to the city. He is a consistent churchman, trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren; and his war record is especially creditable. He gave valuable assistance to the various war committees organized to achieve the purposes of the nation in the prosecution of the war, and especially was of service as a member of the manufacturers' committee on war work. He has enviable repute in the City of Warren both as a business man and as a citizen.

He was born in Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, on June 15, 1875, a son of John F. and Nancy (Martin) Edwards. It is of interest here to note in this history of the Mahoning Valley that he comes of a family which is among the Mahoning Valley pioneers. Originally of British descent, the Edwards family was early in the Virginia colony, and later the name is encountered in the records of Butler County, Pennsylvania. Benjamin Edwards, great-great-grandfather of Benjamin W., appears to have been the first of the family to have settled in Butler County, Pennsylvania. His son John was born there, and his grandson Samuel was also of Butler County birth. He was born in 1812, and when a young man came into Ohio, settling in the Mahoning Valley, at Niles, Trumbull County, where three succeeding generations of the Edwards family have had residence. John F., son of Samuel, and father of Benjamin W., was born in Niles, and lived there for the greater part of his life. He was for many years connected with the iron mills at Niles, and was well-respected as a man of industrious responsibility. He retired from business in 1892, and thereafter until his death in September, 1904, lived in the City of Warren. He married Nancy Martin, daughter of Benjamin Martin, a Kentucky planter. She lived for the greater part of her life in Niles, although she was born in Lexington, Kentucky, coming to live with her sister in Niles after the death of her father, which occurred when she was quite young. After a widowhood of six months, death came to her in Warren, Ohio, in March, 1905.

Benjamin W., younger son of John F. and Nancy (Martin) Edwards, attended the elementary and high schools of Niles, leaving the latter, however, before-

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graduation, to enter business. He was only eighteen years old when he was in good business, having in July of 1893 joined his elder brother, William F., and Alfred R. Hughes, in establishing a manufacturing enterprise in Warren. The brothers have been connected with that enterprise and with the City of Warren ever since, and during the twenty-seven years to the present have developed the business until it is now a consequential factor in the industrial activities of that city. At the outset the plant established by the partners became known as the Warren City Boiler Works, but in 1908, when the company was incorporated, it took the corporate name of the Warren City Tank and Boiler Company. Mr. Benjamin W. Edwards has been its secretary-treasurer since its incorporation, and has been one of the active managing executives. As a man of good executive ability and organizing capacity he has been sought by other industrial and financial corporations, and is connected with many such, but he has never accepted official position in any of these outside enterprises for the reason that the affairs of his own company, the Warren City Tank and Boiler Company, have been sufficiently important and voluminous to need the whole of his working hours. But he has at various times co-operated actively in matters of public or community interest. He is a leading member of the Warren Board of Trade, and has sought every opportunity to further the prosperity of the city, and as a member of the manufacturer's committee on war work he rendered good service to his district and to the nation during the progress of the World war. He has been liberal in support of local charities and other organizations of public character in Warren, and has been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, of which he is a trustee. Mr. Edwards has not concerned himself actively in political movements, preferring to give first thought to matters of production; and he has never at any time sought political office, either in local affairs or national. But he has been somewhat prominently identified with the functioning of local branches of fraternal bodies. He is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and belongs to Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Warren, to the Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, to the Cleveland Consistory, and to Al Koran Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Socially he is a member of the Trumbull County Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Cleveland Athletic Club.

In 1898 Mr. Edwards married Lottie A., daughter of Robert J. and Emma C. Smith, of Warren. They have one child, a daughter, Evelyn Elizabeth, who was born August 6, 1906.

Clare Hills Barker, a thoroughly educated and well grounded lawyer, has specialized ever since admitted to the bar in real estate and abstract of title work, and is one of the best qualified authorities on that subject in Trumbull County. Mr. Barker is president of the Trumbull County Abstract Company.

He was born at Granger, Ohio, May 13, 1876, son of William and Lelia (Hills) Barker. His paternal grandparents, Jared and Eleanor (Munson) Barker, were natives of Ontario County, New York, previous generations of the family having lived in Connecticut. William Barker was born at Bath, Summit County, Ohio, in 1849, was a graduate of Western Reserve College then at Hudson, Ohio, and spent his active life as a practical farmer. He died in 1904. The mother, now making her home with her son at Warren, was born at Granger in 1851, daughter of Dr. Stacy and Naomi (Gooding) Hills, both natives of New York State. Doctor Hills was of Connecticut ancestry and practiced medicine at Granger, Ohio, for over thirty years, until his death in 1875.

Clare Hills Barker graduated from the Medina High School in 1895, took his literary course in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, graduating with the class of 1900, and in the meantime, in December, 1899, had been appointed private secretary to Congressman Phillips. He spent the greater part of two years at Washington, and made good use of his opportunities while in the capital city, taking up and pursuing a course of law in the National University Law School. He graduated in 1902 with the degrees LL. B. and LL. M., and in the same year was admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia. Returning to Medina in the summer of 1902, he moved to Youngstown the following fall, and while pursuing his law studies with Wilson, McNab and Hamilton he also did work for the Mahoning County Abstract Company. He determined to specialize in real estate law, and has done little work in his profession outside of that specialty. June 1, 1904, he was admitted to the Ohio bar, and continued law and abstract work at Youngstown until 1910. In that year he was made secretary of the Realty Trust Company and the Realty Guaranty and Trust Company of Youngstown. Failing health compelled him to resign in 1913, and in the fall of 1914 he removed to Akron, where he remained six or seven months, and then for a time was with the Guaranty Title and Trust Company of Cleveland. Mr. Barker located at Warren in July, 1917, at that time purchasing the stock of the Trumbull County Abstract Company, the leading business of its kind in Trumbull County.

He is also an active member of the Warren Real Estate Board, the Warren Board of Trade, and by his ancestry is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity. In 1905 he married Miss Mary M. Burt, of Medina, daughter of Elroy and Addie (Young) Burt. They have one daughter, Mary Lucretia Barker, born August 5, 1912.

Ambrose Benjamin Mannix. Forty years of uninterrupted business and official activity preceded the retirement of Mr. Mannix, who is a resident of Warren, and has been identified with that city since his first term as county treasurer of Trumbull County. At one time Mr. Mannix was a farm laborer, and he has achieved success and general esteem both by the faithfulness and persistency of his efforts through a long period of years.

He was born in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, October 11, 1854. His father, Timothy Mannix, a native of Ireland, married in that country Margaret Hickey, and in 1834, accompanied by his wife and two sons, came to the United States. At Boston he followed mercantile lines until 1856, and then bought a farm near Malone, New York, where he lived until

his death in 1883. After his death his widow and some of her family moved into the Town of Malone, where she died in 1884.

Ambrose B. Mannix was a boy of between four and five years when his parents moved to the farm. He grew up in a New York rural atmosphere, attended country schools and the Malone Academy, and remained at home to the age of twenty. The first summer off the farm he spent as a watchman on a lake vessel plying between Ogdensburg and Chicago, and made five round trips on the boat. Mr. Mannix came to Ohio in 1875, and after a brief time in Cleveland went to work on the farm of Judge Stone at North Newbury in Geauga County. Leaving there two years later, in 1877, he entered the service of the Andrews Coal Company in Vienna Township, Trumbull County, thus beginning his permanent relations with Trumbull County. He began business for himself as a meat dealer in Vienna Township in 1878, and after ten years expanded his enterprise to general merchandising, and was one of the honored business men of Vienna for twenty years. He served as postmaster for twelve years, appointed by President McKinley. He always took an active part in local affairs, and was honored with the office of township treasurer nineteen years. In 1908 he was elected on the republican ticket as treasurer of Trumbull County and re-elected in 1910. His official term began January 1, 1909, and soon afterward he removed his family to Warren. At the close of his second term he continued in office as deputy under his successor, who had been previously deputy under Mr. Mannix. In 1914 Mr. Mannix resumed his career as a merchant, this time at Warren, and was in business until July 15, 1919, when he formally retired.

Mr. Mannix served as president of the city council of Warren four years, and then filled out an unexpired term of a year and a half in the council. He is a former president of the Trumbull County Merchants Protective League, a member of the Warren Board of Trade, is a director of the Trumbull County Agricultural Society and a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple Society. His Masonic affiliations are with Old Erie Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Council and Knights Templar Commandery, and he is also identified wtih the Elks. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder for five years.

February 22, 1882, Mr. Mannix married Carrie Chamberlain. She was born in Vienna Township, March 13, 1859, representing an old and prominent family of the county. Her parents were George and Mary (Wheeler) Chamberlain. Her father was born in New Jersey, July 11, 1829, son of William and Mary Chamberlain, natives of the same state. Her mother was born in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County, September 8, 1834. Mrs. Mannix died July 7, 1917. There are no surviving children.

Curtis C. Williams, M. D. While the thirty years of his continuous practice at Niles constitute a worthy professional distinction for Doctor Williams the appreciation of his abilities is by no means confined to his home community, since his work as a surgeon in many difficult operations has brought him a name and reputation such as are enjoyed only by the foremost men in that field in the state. He placed his professional abilities at the service of the Government during the World war period.

Doctor Williams was born at Lisbon, Ohio, May 13, 1863, son of Samuel and Isabel (McCurdy) Williams. He is a lineal descendant of Roger Williams, the famous dissenter who established the colony of Rhode Island. Doctor Williams' grandfather, Levi Williams, came to Columbiana County, Ohio, in pioneer days and founded Williamsport, named in his honor. Samuel Williams spent his life as a farmer, and Doctor Williams grew up on his father's farm three miles south of Lisbon.

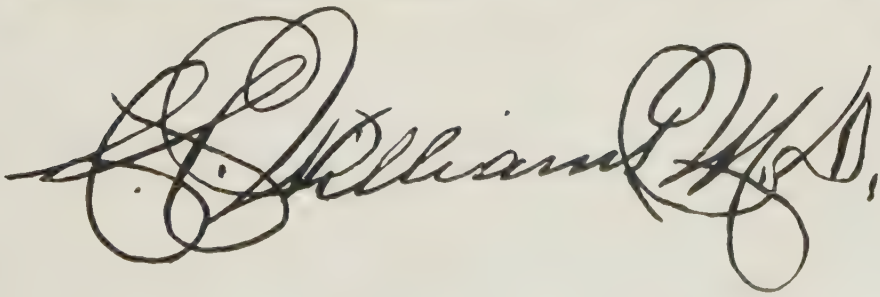
He acquired a good literary as well as professional education, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Union College in 1887. For a short time he read medicine under an uncle, Dr. L. O. Williams, and in the fall of 1887 entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, where he remained until graduating, June 25, 1890. Since the fall of 1891 Doctor Williams has been in practice at Niles. He was the first man to leave Niles for the World war. He spent five weeks at Camp Riley, was commissioned captain of the Medical Reserve Corps and from Camp Riley went to the base hospital of Camp Pike, Arkansas, where he was on duty the remainder of the war period. He is now commander of McKinley Post No. 106 of the American Legion.

Doctor Williams is a member of the Trumbull County and Ohio State Medical societies, the American Medical Association, the Association of Erie Railway Surgeons and the Pennsylvania Railway Surgeons, being surgeon for both these railways at Niles. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason, a Mystic Shriner and his wife is worthy matron of the Eastern Star. He is also identified with the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

July 20, 1890, Doctor Williams married Miss Clara J. Foust, daughter of Wililam R. and Mary P. Foust, of Leetonia, Ohio. Mrs. Williams is president of the local branch of the Federation of Women's Clubs, was the first president of the Women's Lyceum of Niles, and is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. They have two daughters, Dorothy M., the older, graduated with the degrees Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science from Hood College at Frederick, Maryland. The other daughter, Josephine, is a graduate of the Niles High School and is now a sophomore at the Ohio College at Athens.

Harry Benton Turner became superintendent of the Warren city schools September 1, 1916. In the face of the most trying and adverse conditions that have ever confronted the American system of public education it is important to note what has been accomplished at Warren since Mr. Turner began his duties as superintendent.

The results have in fact amounted to a practical reorganization of the entire city school system. Two new school buildings have been erected, two others definitely planned, and by the adoption of the so-called "duplicate system" the seating capacity has been made available to 40 per cent increased enrollment. The city kindergarten system has been



made available to all the younger children, and manual training and domestic science have been made integral parts of the course of instruction. The Junior High School organization has been completed and night schools have been operated for three years. During 1919 the total attendance at the night schools was 800. Departments of tests and measurements have been introduced and the scope of the health work has been greatly enlarged. A special class for backward children is another new feature, and special classes have been arranged for industrially inclined boys. Under the plan approved in the Smith-Hughes Federal appropriation legislation, Warren now has "continuation" classes, so that boys engaged in some remunerative labor can continue their education in the intervals of their employment.

Mr. Turner has made a notable record as an educator. He was born at Freeport, Harrison County, Ohio, September 2, 1880, a son of John D. and Atha (Kirby) Turner, who were also born in the same town. His paternal grandfather, James Plummer Turner, was a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. A millwright by trade, he built many of the old time mills in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and was an early settler in Harrison County of the latter state. He was noted for his great physical strength. During the Civil war he was with an Ohio regiment, and was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, and all the rest of his life suffered impaired health. James Plummer Turner married Harriet Rankin, whose family also lived in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and moved to Harrison County, Ohio, where many of the name are still found and where the Rankin Presbyterian Church is a memorial to them. John D. Turner has spent his active life as a blacksmith and for the past thirty-five years has lived at Flushing, Belmont County, Ohio. Atha Kirby, the mother of Harry B. Turner, was a daughter of Thomas Kirby, whose family moved to Ohio from the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia. The Kirbys for several generations had been seafaring folk, but Thomas Kirby spent his active life as a farmer. However, he was well versed in sailor songs and the lore of the sea and was also a keen student of history.

Harry Benton Turner from the age of six years grew up at Flushing in Belmont County, attended public schools there and graduated from high school at the age of sixteen. Because of his efficient student record his father rewarded him with a gold watch, and he still carefully cherishes and carries that timepiece. Mr. Turner is a graduate of Hiram College, receiving his A. B. degree with the class of 1903. Between his first and second years he taught a district school in Belmont County, and during the last half of his senior year he was principal of the Mantua high school. While there he gave the first demonstration of his capability as a school administrator by placing the Mantua schools on a plane where they were entitled to a first-class school charter. After leaving Hiram College he was principal of the high school at Garrettsville, Ohio, one year, and then returned to Mantua, serving three years as superintendent. For seven years he was principal of the high school at Ravenna, Ohio, the outstanding feature of his work there having been the large number of pupils who went from that high school to college. In 1914, under the new school law, he became county superintendent of schools for Portage County for a term of two years. A feature of his record as county superintendent was the centralization of the schools of fifteen townships and the building of several modern schools.

Mr. Turner was elected superintendent of the Warren schools in August, 1916, and was released from his duties by the Portage County Board to accept his new position. Mr. Turner is a member of the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association, is a member of the Committee on Education in the Ohio State Teachers' Association, is a member of the National Education Association, and is the leader of the Conference of Teachers of cities under 25,000. Fraternally he is affiliated with old Erie Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mahoning Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and is a member of the Warren Rotary Club and the Warren Board of Trade. Both as a private citizen and in his official position he was a tireless worker in behalf of the various patriotic movements during the war. He was a member of the Liberty Loan Committees, was county chairman of the War Camp Community Service, and is remembered as one of the most effective speakers of the local speakers' bureau. He had charge of the sale of War Savings Stamps in schools, and is now a member of the executive committee of the Red Cross and chairman of the Trumbull County Chapter of the American Red Cross Society. He served as a member of the Roosevelt Memorial Fund Committee for this county, and was a member and vice chairman of the Young Men's Christian Association War Committee of the county.

Mr. Turner married Blanche Kent, who was born at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, daughter of Eugene and Lucinda (Bayard) Kent. They have one son, Clarence Eugene, born August 28, 1908.

John J. Gillen at the age of fourteen years started business with a one-horse express wagon. While the equipment was an humble one, he made it the medium of a genuine and efficient service and soon saw his affairs grow and prosper until he was at the head of a livery business with twenty head of horses. By 1910 automobiles began to replace horses, and in 1916 the Gillen Transfer Company was incorporated with John J. as president and his brother Peter C. as vice president and secretary.

In 1918 the Gillen Transfer Company acquired a completed equipment of motor vehicles, and this is now one of the leading business concerns of its kind in the Mahoning Valley, performing a large essential service in transfer, taxicab, touring car and baggage handling. The office and headquarters are at Main and Dawson streets, a site which has been the business center for John J. Gillen's operations for over twenty years.

John J. Gillen was born at Youngstown, son of Charles and Anna M. (Lannahan) Gillen. His parents were natives of Ireland, came to this country when young and were married at Youngstown, where Charles Gillen for a number of years was in the grocery and baking business. His widow came with her family to Warren in 1897 and is still living in

this city. Mr. Gillen is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Warren Board of Trade, Warren Rotary Club, Warren Lodge of Elks and Knights of Columbus.

Peter C. Gillen, vice president and secretary of the Gillen Transfer Company, was born at Youngstown. He was educated in the public schools of Warren, and has been actively associated with his brother all his life. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of the Warren Board of Trade, the Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

William C. Reilly, general superintendent of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, was born in Youngstown February 6, 1868, his parents being Charles M. and Emily (Woods) Reilly, the latter a granddaughter of Daniel Sheehy, one of the two first men to locate in Youngstown. Mr. Reilly was educated in the common schools and at an early age entered the mills of the Brown-Bonnell Company, where he obtained a practical knowledge of the iron business. After the organization of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, at which time he was connected with the Mahoning Valley Iron Company, he became assistant to J. A. Campbell, then district manager for the Republic Iron & Steel Company. When the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company was organized Mr. Reilly was elected auditor of that company and soon afterward placed in charge of its operating department as general superintendent.

He is known as one of the thoroughly practical men in the steel industry, to which he has devoted his attention exclusively, so far as business is concerned, although he has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has been connected with most of the movements of a public character in his native city in a helpful but unobtrusive way. He was married in 1889 to Cecily Muldoon, whose death occurred in 1916. They had nine children, these being Helen, wife of Dr. Thomas W. McNamara, Naomi, Cecil, Wilma, Carl, Frederick, Edwin, William and Cecily.

Mr. Reilly is a member of the American Iron & Steel Institute, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, and other organizations. He resides with his family at Florencedale and Woodbine avenues, Youngstown.

William Neil Locke, whose chief business experience has been in the building line, has made his private enterprise valuable in the great expansion of Warren in recent years, and also does a large business in connection as a real estate broker.

He was born at Youngstown October 11, 1885, a son of William and Ellen (Neil) Locke. His parents were born in Scotland, were married there, and came to this country about 1860. Their first settlement was in the mining district at Austintown, Trumbull County, whence they removed to Lansingville, two miles east of Youngstown, and conducted a grocery and meat shop for about twenty-five years. William Locke, Sr., died in May, 1895, and his wife is now living at 318 Sherwood Avenue in Youngstown. Of their seven children, four sons and three daughters, all are living except the oldest son.

William N. Locke is the youngest of the children. He was educated in the schools of Lansingville and Haselton, but at the age of fifteen became self-supporting. His first regular employment was as a shipping clerk at the National Tube Works in Youngstown, where he remained six months. He was then made appraiser for C. F. Nevill, Youngstown, and then became manager for William A. Zumphe at Sharon. Later he engaged in business for himself at Wheeling, West Virginia, and in 1917 removed to Warren, where he has carried on building operations, resulting in the construction on the average of half a dozen residences a year. He has also added a real estate brokerage business to his enterprise.

May 25, 1907, Mr. Locke married Miss Anna Ruff, daughter of Isaac and Emma (McGonnell) Ruff, of Niles. They have two children: Donald Lyle, born March 7, 1910, and Emma Ellen, born April 1, 1915. The family are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Daniel W. Peck. While the railroads carry to and from Warren an immense volume of traffic, one of the most essential features of the transportation system employs the streets and highways of the city, and the largest single private enterprise engaged in that business is Peck's Transfer Company.

The proprietor of this business was born March 8, 1875, in the old Peck home which occupied the site of the Peck's Transfer Company headquarters today. The Pecks are an old and honored family of Warren. Mr. Peck's grandfather, Caleb Peck, was an early day merchant of the city. Like other merchants, he handled a general stock of goods, including whiskey, which retailed at that time at three cents a glass. In the absence of railroads all goods were hauled to Warren from Cleveland, the trip requiring one day in going and one day to return.

Aaron Peck, father of Daniel W., was born at Warren in 1843. In early life he was also a merchant, but for many years handled and developed a large livery business. He died in 1915. His wife was Delilah Medley, who was born at Warren in 1844 and died in 1913.

Daniel W. Peck as a boy attended the Warren public schools and also worked for his father and later became his active associate in business. Therefore, he has practically grown up in the industry of handling and transferring goods and passengers within the city limits. January 7, 1898, he bought out the business, and has carried it along for twenty-two years, constantly adding to and expanding it to keep it abreast of the wonderful growth of the city. In 1911 he added a taxicab service to his livery and transfer business, and now has a large organization requiring a number of men and a large amount of invested capital.

Mr. Peck is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose and the Order of Eagles.

He married Miss Daisy Hopkins, of Newton Falls, Ohio. Her father, Robert Hopkins, was a prominent character in Northeastern Ohio. At one time he owned 600 acres of land in the Mahoning Valley near Youngstown. Many of the iron and steel in-

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dustries of the city are now on land originally owned by Mr. Hopkins. When he sold his land to the mills he put the money in an old carpet bag and traveling to Newton Falls, reinvested it in other lands in that vicinity. He remained a resident of Newton Falls until his death.

WILLIAM F. CORBIN. For more than half a century the Corbin family have had their residence at Warren and in Trumbull County, and their enterprise has been forcefully demonstrated in connection with several business institutions, and the name represents all that is honorable in good citizenship.

The Corbins of Warren are of Norman extraction. The family went from France to England about the time of William the Conqueror. Later generations were known as extensive land holders, with family seats in both Staffordshire and Warwickshire. Representatives of the original stock were found as colonial settlers in both Massachusetts and Virginia early in the eighteenth century. The family at Warren traces its kinship to the Massachusetts branch.

The great-grandfather of the present generation at Warren was Philip Corbin. Born at Dudley, Massachusetts, on September 13, 1764, he married, November 26, 1789, Rhody Healey Dudley, and in 1793 with his wife moved to Connecticut and at Union in that state purchased large tracts of land. Besides farming on an extensive scale he became one of the leading manufacturers of potash, a commodity he sold at Norwich, Connecticut. A man of good principles, sound business ability, he was equally influential in civic affairs at Union, served as selectman, and represented his town in the Connecticut Legislature in 1814-15. He died May 2, 1845, and his wife on June 15, 1840.

Their fifth child was Augustus Corbin, born at Willington, Connecticut, September 18, 1801. He married Pamelia Preston, and of their five children the third was Silas A. Corbin, who was born at Willington, Connecticut, February 12, 1839.

Silas A. Corbin came West in 1862 and for a time was agent for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company at Pittsburgh. A few months later he moved to Warren and was local representative for the Wheeler & Wilson Company until 1867. His business enterprise then took a new direction, when he opened the first livery business ever established at Niles. He was a man of undoubted efficiency and great popularity, and while at Niles was elected on the republican ticket as sheriff of Trumbull County in 1872. He was reelected in 1874 and had the honor of being the first sheriff of the county to serve two consecutive and complete terms.

When he retired from this office in 1876 he became associated with Sidney Bartlett, under the name Bartlett & Corbin, in the manufacture of carriages. Their shop was one of the first of its kind in Warren, and the business grew and prospered. In 1885 Mr. Corbin disposed of his interests to Mr. Bartlett, and then took up the insurance business. For a long period of years his chief business was the Warren Marble & Granite Company, which he organized and incorporated in 1890, and which he served as secretary and treasurer until his death on July 6, 1917. Silas Corbin earned a high place among Trumbull County's business men and citizens. He was a charter member of the Niles Masonic Lodge, and demitted to Old Erie Lodge at Warren. He was also affiliated with Warren Commandery of the Knights Templar and with Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland.

Silas Corbin married for his first wife Amanda Dimmit, of Connecticut. She died leaving one son, Fred E., also deceased. His second wife was Emma Folsom, who was born in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, October 20, 1844, daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Scott) Folsom. The children of Silas and Emma (Folsom) Corbin were William and Cyrus N. Corbin, the latter being assistant secretary-treasurer of the Warren Marble & Granite Company. Jonathan Folsom, a native of Essex County, New York, was an early arrival in Trumbull County, and at one time owned the land on which were built the Trumbull Steel Mills at Warren. Jonathan Folsom's first wife was Milicent Dunlap, who died leaving two children, Nathan and Omar. Nathan is still living. Omar's son, Nathan B., is now treasurer of the Brier Hill Steel Company of Youngstown. Jane Scott, who was the second wife of Jonathan Folsom, and the mother of Mrs. Silas Corbin, was born in Vienna Township of Trumbull County, a daughter of Mathew and Rebecca Scott, Trumbull County pioneers. The children of Jane Scott Folsom are: Cyrus B., of the drug firm of Thayer and Folsom; Mrs. L. H. Thayer, of Youngstown; and Mrs. S. A. Corbin, of Warren.

William Folsom Corbin, son of Silas A. and Emma (Folsom) Corbin, was born at Niles, April 22, 1869. He finished his education with his graduation from Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1889 and for the past thirty years has been one of the hard working and earnest business men and citizens of Warren. The first year after leaving college he was collector for the Youngstown Ice Company. Upon the organization of the Warren Marble & Granite Company in 1890, he kept the books of the concern, later was promoted to assistant secretary-treasurer, and in 1910 became secretary and treasurer. He is also vice president of the Western Reserve Lumber Company of Warren.

Mr. Corbin is a member of the Warren Board of Trade of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, and belongs to the Trumbull Country Club, Golf Club and the Buckeye Club.

He married Miss Marion Stewart. Mrs. Corbin was born in Quebec, Canada, daughter of John and Emma (Pridham) Stewart, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ottawa, Canada. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Corbin are: Dorothea Folsom and Philip Stewart Corbin. Dorothea is a graduate of Russell Sage College, New York, class of 1920.

MARTIN LEROY WILLIAMS, M. D. Notable alike for the many years he has spent in the conscientious service of mankind as a physician and surgeon, and also for his effective citizenship in Trumbull County,

and his relationship with some of the old-time families, Doctor Williams is today the oldest active member of the medical fraternity in point of continuous service at Warren.

His paternal grandfather, Stephen Williams, was of Connecticut birth and New England ancestry, and one of the earlier settlers of the Western Reserve. He located in Vienna Township, Trumbull County, and made a tract of land responsive to his toil, reclaiming it from the wilderness. He married Elizabeth Medley, who was born in Ireland, but was reared in Highland Township, Trumbull County, where her father was a pioneer settler. One of the children of this pioneer couple was John Stephen Williams, who was born on the old home farm in Vienna Township in 1817. In early life he was a carpenter and builder. Later he moved to Vienna Center, where for over twenty years he kept a hotel. After selling this property he bought a farm in Vienna Township and spent the rest of his days in the quiet vocation of agriculture. He died at his old homestead in 1901. He married Lorinda Ruth Sanford. Her birthplace was the Sanford Farm north of Payne's Corners in Brookfield Township, Trumbull County. She was born in 1820 and died in 1905, at the age of eighty-five. Her father, Samuel E. Sanford, was a native of Connecticut, and was likewise identified with the pioneer element in Trumbull County.

Martin Leroy Williams, son of John S. and Lorinda Williams, was born in Vienna Township February 9, 1849. Most of his boyhood was spent at Vienna Center. He acquired his education in the district and the Warren city schools and Hiram College, and graduated from the University of Michigan with the degree of M. D., class of 1871. That year saw him introduced in the general practice of medicine to his home community at Vienna Center, where his natural aptitude and skill brought him a high reputation. Since 1888 he has practiced medicine at Warren, and has served fully a generation of people in this city. He has given much of his time to the public side of his profession. He has been a member of the staff of the Warren City Hospital since the institution was organized; has served as health officer and city physician of Warren for five years; was county coroner six years; and member and secretary of the Board of United States Pension Examiners of Trumbull County for a period of fourteen years. He is a member of the Trumbull County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally Doctor Williams is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, Cleveland Consistory of the Scottish Rite, Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, and the Masonic Club of Warren.

While Doctor Williams represents the third generation of the family in Trumbull County, he is himself the head of a family comprising three generations. He married Frances L. Prindle. She was born at Girard, Ohio, which was also the birthplace of her father, Charles W. Prindle, while her grandfather, Nelson L. Prindle, came from the state of Connecticut as a pioneer settler in the Mahoning Valley. Doctor Williams and wife have one daughter, Blanche C. She is the wife of Frank H. Cannon of Cleveland, now of Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon have two daughters, Elizabeth and Virginia.

Albert Curtis Taylor. The Mahoning Valley as a great industrial center is naturally the home of much inventive genius. To Albert Curtis Taylor of Warren are due some of the processes which have practically revolutionized the method of electric welding, and he is connected officially with two companies that manufacture his inventions now of world-wide use.

Mr. Taylor was born at Leavittsburg, Trumbull County, son of Alfred C. and Josephine L. (Sturgill) Taylor. His father was a native of New York state and his mother of Missouri, and during the seventies his parents lived in the latter state. They located at Leavittsburg about 1878, and had their home there for sixteen years. Alfred Taylor was local agent of the Erie Railroad. He went out to Oklahoma Territory in 1892 and was one of the home seekers at the opening of the Cherokee strip. He died in the West in 1893, his widow and children then returning to Leavittsburg, and in 1894 the family took up their residence at Warren.

Albert Curtis Taylor acquired his early education in the public schools of Leavittsburg and Warren and also by home study. Beginning at the age of sixteen he served an apprenticeship of three years as a machinist with the Trumbull Manufacturing Company at Warren. During his apprenticeship his first creative ideas were put into execution when he built an electric motor and generator, also a gasoline engine and talking machine. At the close of his apprenticeship he entered the service of the Packard Automobile Company, which then had its headquarters at Warren, but soon afterward went with the Winfield Manufacturing Company as a machinist. After six months he was made foreman of the company and had charge of its drafting room. He had carried on the study of mechanical drawing under John McNutt. Mr. Taylor's success has undoubtedly been due to a habit of utilizing every spare moment of his time in study, observation and experimentation. While with the Winfield Company he began work on the development of an electric welding machine. He perfected the first "spot welding" machine in this country. Patents were issued to him and the Winfield Electric Welding Machine Company was organized for its manufacture.

However, the industrial world is most indebted to Mr. Taylor for a patent he secured October 16, 1917, on a device described as "covering the use of two currents which are caused to cross the path of each other in a diagonal direction, concentrating the heating effect at the place of intersection." This welding process is fully protected by patents issued to Mr. Taylor, and the welding machine in the past three years has been manufactured and sold all over America and in foreign countries. For its manufacture the Taylor Welding Company was organized and incorporated January 1, 1918, and Mr. Taylor is president of this organization.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Mahoning Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr.

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Taylor married Lenore Stringer, daughter of the late Thomas Stringer of Girard, Ohio. They have three children, Alvin C., Irving I. and Frederick.

Judge George H. Gessner, judge of the Municipal Court of Youngstown, began practice in this city about five years ago, and his achievements to date are the basis upon which his friends predict for him a splendid future as a lawyer and jurist. Judge Gessner has that breadth of sympathy and liberal view only possible to the man who has earned his way by direct contact with life at its source. He still is a lover of country life and farming, which was his occupation for several years, and he also gained much knowledge of human nature during the years he spent as a teacher in the school room.

Judge Gessner was born at Gambier in Knox County, Ohio, September 13, 1878, son of John and Lucy (Ashburn) Gessner. John Gessner was a native of Richland County, Ohio, was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that occupation in Mount Vernon and Gambier. He was also a Union soldier, having served for three years during the Civil war. He died May 21, 1885, at the age of fifty-three. Lucy Ashburn, his wife, was born February 23, 1848, and after the death of John Gessner became the wife of William Green, and she is now living at Baltimore. Judge Gessner was the youngest son in a family of six children. The others are: Frances, wife of Lawrence Dermondy, of Portland, Oregon; Albert, a horseman at Los Angeles, California, where he died at the age of thirty-five; Catherine, wife of George F. Malone, of Baltimore; Clinton H., a railroad man, living at Massilon, Ohio; and Mabel, who lives with her mother at Baltimore.

George H. Gessner when fourteen years of age accompanied the family to a farm in Milton Township of Mahoning County. He acquired his education in district schools, and spent two years in Hiram College. For about a dozen years his time was alternated between farming and teaching. Milton Township has seven schools, and Judge Gessner taught six of them. Many of his old pupils are now his fast friends and admirers. By teaching and farming he earned the money to complete his legal education. He attended the Law School of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, graduating in 1913. After his admission to the bar he removed to Youngstown and began practice with Perry Robison. In 1914 he was made assistant city solicitor under George J. Carew, serving two years. Then followed a period of rapidly growing general practice. April 23, 1917, Governor Cox appointed him municipal judge at Youngstown, and at the first regular election he was a popular choice for that office. Judge Gessner is a Master Mason, being a member of Palmyra Lodge No. 533, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Grange.

August 28, 1917, he married Miss Ruth Robison, daughter of Frank and Nora Robison. They have one son, John Franklin.

Warren A. Lawrence, county commissioner, well-known resident of Newton Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, a successful and enterprising farmer, is a man of marked ability as a farmer, and a public worker of proved faithfulness and efficiency. He is well known and generally well regarded in his home district, and for many years has actively interested himself in public affairs. For several years he was township assessor; he served on the school board for thirteen years; and for many years he has been one of the leading republicans of his district. He owns the old Strock family homestead, and lives in the dwelling that was erected by George Strock more than a century ago. That house, which is situated about two and a half miles to the southward of Newton Falls, is in excellent condition, although its fittings have necessarily been modernized, and it has to some extent been enlarged; but, generally speaking, it serves now as usefully as it did a century ago.

Warren A. Lawrence was born in Lordstown Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on February 1, 1867, the son of John and Mary A. (Fulk) Lawrence. The Lawrence family is one of the colonial families of America, colonial generations having had residence in the Dutch settlement of Pennsylvania. Warren A. Lawrence is in the fourth generation of Ohio residence, the Lawrence family being among the pioneer families of the Mahoning Valley, his great-grandfather and grandfather Jacob, and also a brother of the former, having come into the Western Reserve, and settled on wild land near Cornersburg, which is near Youngstown, on the Canfield Road. Later Jacob, grandfather of Warren A., settled in Lordstown, Trumbull County. Jacob married into the Bailey family, and both he and his wife died in Lordstown in 1861. They were both of equal age, and about fifty years old in the year of their death, the circumstances governing which were somewhat singular and tragic. The pestilential trail of war was directly responsible for their deaths, both contracting smallpox from contact with infected soldiers furloughed and visiting friends in their vicinity during the first year of the Civil war. Two of the sons of Jacob Lawrence, John, father of Warren A., and Daniel, went in the Union Army during the Civil war, and went through some very hard campaigning, losing many of their comrades. John Lawrence's brother-in-law, Solomon Fulk, and a cousin, Henry Lawrence, were killed almost at his side; in fact, of the three brothers of Mary A. Fulk, wife of John Lawrence, and mother of Warren A., who went to war, only one returned, Solomon and Uriah Fulk being killed, the surviving brother, John A. Fulk, being still alive, living in comfortable circumstances in Warren. The children of Jacob Lawrence were: Daniel, a veteran of the Civil war. He died not many years after the close of the war, leaving a widow and two daughters, now resident in Cleveland, Ohio; John, of whom more is written below; Henry, who is a retired farmer and lives in Warren; Samuel, who died at the age of eighty-two years, in the home of his nephew, Warren A.

John Lawrence, son of Jacob and father of Warren A., was born in Lordstown Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and for the greater part of his life has been an industrious farmer. With the exception of the period of the Civil war, during which his record as a patriot and a soldier is an honorable one, he has lived almost all his life in Lordstown, latterly retiring to Newton Falls, where he now is quietly

living, comfortably circumstanced. He was a man of industrious habits, had not much inclination for public life, and gave most of his life to matters connected with the proper operation of his farm, and to the rearing of his large family. He is a man of strong religious spirit, and was early a member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife, Mary A. Fulk, also belonged. Politically, he has for many years been a steady supporter of the republican party, and in their general life and contact with the people of Lordstown Township, both John and Mary A. (Fulk) Lawrence were esteemed by their neighbors. Their seven children were: L. Wallace, who was a druggist at Newton Falls for the greater part of his manhood years, and died there at the age of fifty-seven years; Warren A., the present county commissioner, whose life will be reviewed later herein; Charles M., who was a farmer, independently established near Niles, Trumbull County, but who is now deceased; Anna, who married John Hults, but died at the age of thirty-three years; Peter, a well-known resident in Lordstown Township; Edward, a successful farmer of Newton Township; and Bert, who is operating the old Lawrence homestead in Lordstown.

Warren A. Lawrence, second child of John and Mary A. (Fulk) Lawrence, was reared on the home farm in Lordstown Township, Trumbull County, attended the district and graded schools, and after leaving school for some time assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. When he was twenty-one years old, however, he appears to have decided to take up commercial work, for he then became a clerk in a drug store. So employed, in stores at Newton Falls and Warren, Ohio, he passed five years. Then he acquired the farming property he has ever since lived on, the original homestead of the Strock family in Newton Township, the association of which with the development of the Mahoning Valley is the subject of a special article written for this edition (see Joseph Strock, Sr.). George Strock, grandfather of Winifred Sutton, who eventually married Warren A. Lawrence, is supposed to have settled on the land about the year 1812 (although other data, supposedly authentic, regarding the settling of the Strock family in the Mahoning Valley, gives the year of their coming as 1815, although there is good reason to support the earlier date from the fact that at the time of the coming of Joseph Strock and nine of his eleven sons, the other two sons were on active service with the forces raised for the War of 1812, and it is not reasonable to suppose that, as emergency troops, their units would be held in the national service for so long after the passing of the emergency). Aaron Strock, son of George, is, according to this record, also supposed to have been born in Ohio on the same farm, in 1812. Aaron later in life was for some time employed in hauling bog ore from deposits found on the farm into Youngstown, where it was used in the early furnaces of that city. That vein of ore was of much consequence to the iron and steel industry of those early days in the Mahoning Valley, and its exploitation was for some years profitable to the Strock family. Aaron Strock lived in Newton Township for the greater part of his life, although in younger manhood he spent some time in the states of Michigan and Missouri. Among his six children was Anna Strock, who became the wife of William Sutton, who owned the farm adjoining the Strock property, to the southward. The Sutton family was also from Eastern Pennsylvania, and William Sutton spent all his life on the Newton Township farm, where he died in 1891, at the age of sixty-six years. His widow died in 1910, aged sixty-three years. Their five children were: Rolla, who is now in possession of the old farm; Bertha, deceased, who married Clyde Mower, but died at the age of thirty-two years; Winifred, who married Warren A. Lawrence, and has since lived in the home which was once that of her maternal grandfather; Ray, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Bernice, who married Ross Lee, of Chicago, Illinois.

John Lawrence was with his son on the Strock farm for seven years, but since the retirement of the former to Newton Falls, the farm, which is 123 acres in extent, has been operated and occupied by Warren A., who has shown much enterprise in his farming. He was married on November 20, 1902, and owned the farm for about seven years prior to that. His farming has been of general character, potatoes being perhaps his leading crop; and of that commodity he has grown as much as 1,400 bushels in a season. He has prospered well by his energetic and intelligent farming, and in addition has property in Newton Falls, in the future of which place he has much faith. He has throughout his life shown a helpful interest in public affairs, and has been elected to many township offices. For two terms he was township assessor; for thirteen years he has been a member of the school board; and he has been township trustee. He has now come into the larger public responsibility, as county commissioner, with F. E. Rose and A. O. Burnett, and is showing a sincerity and capability in public office such as confirms the confidence his fellow townsmen have in him. He has been a republican since early manhood, and has always taken energetic and forceful part in party work in his district. Fraternally, he is identified with the Knights of Pythias order, being a charter member of the lodge at Newton Falls. He has passed through all the chairs of that lodge, and has been a delegate to the General Lodge of the order.

Warren A. Lawrence is a man of active habits, and is an enthusiastic sportsman; he has made many big game hunting trips to Northern Michigan, and into Pennsylvania.

To Warren A. and Winifred (Sutton) Lawrence have been born three children: Warren, who is now in high school; John and Blaine, who are now students in the graded school.

Fred W. Stillwagon. Among bankers and men of affairs of the Mahoning Valley who have had a more consecutive progress and have achieved a higher quality of that success which is expressed not so much in money as influence is Fred W. Stillwagon of Warren. For a quarter of a century he has been a factor in the banking interests of the valley, and aided only by native character and close application, from a beginning in the modest position

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of a bank collection clerk he has become president of two old and solid banking institutions.

He is a product of this valley and his business career reflects credit not only on the man himself but on the entire community—a community noted for its able men. He was born on his father's farm in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, November 5, 1873. His father, Samuel H. Stillwagon, a native of Butler, Pennsylvania, but reared from boyhood in Trumbull County, has spent his life on the farm and has developed and still owns one of the best equipped farms and country homes in Trumbull County. S. H. Stillwagon married Calistia Hake, who was born on her father's farm located in Vienna Township just across the line from the Stillwagon farm. Her father, Daniel Hake, was one of the early settlers of Vienna.

Fred W. Stillwagon grew up on the home farm, but like two of his brothers early chose a commercial career. After attending the district schools he continued his education in the Niles High School and Hiram College. Soon after leaving college he became collection clerk for the First National Bank of Girard in 1895. Just a quarter of a century later he has the interesting and gratifying distinction of being president of that bank. Leaving Girard he was made bookkeeper and teller of the City National Bank of Niles July 1, 1896, and less than five years later, on January 1, 1901, was promoted to cashier. When the City National and the First National Banks of Niles were consolidated Mr. Stillwagon resigned as cashier to become secretary-treasurer of the Dollar Savings Bank of Niles. He had organized this bank, having in ten years' time reached a position of influence where he could command and influence capital. The Dollar Savings Bank was opened for business January 11, 1905. In September, 1911, Mr. Stillwagon resigned to become cashier of the Union National Bank of Warren. Upon the reorganization of the Union National into the Union Savings & Trust Company on January 1, 1912, he became secretary and treasurer of the new organization, and continued to fill those posts until the death of Capt. William Wallace, the president, on September 29, 1917. The directors immediately chose Mr. Stillwagon as successor of Captain Wallace, and he has since been executive head of this institution.

In the meantime, in September, 1904, while with the City National Bank of Niles, Mr. Stillwagon purchased a controlling interest in the First National Bank of Girard, becoming in that time vice president, and since a year later has been its president.

This in brief is the banking career of Mr. Stillwagon and the positions he has held and the institutions he has helped upbuild are of themselves sufficient conclusive evidence of his ability as a banker. Practically unregarded save by his immediate superiors in 1895, he has met every successive test of responsibility and has well earned the honor of being president of two banking institutions, while he has organized one bank and assisted in the reorganization of two others.

His position in the financial system of the Mahoning Valley has naturally placed many demands upon his judgment, advice and co-operation in other business undertakings and several well known enterprises owe much of their success to him. He is one of the original directors and vice presidents of the Standard Boiler and Plate Iron Company of Niles; is a director in the Akron Maderite Tire & Rubber Company of Newton Falls; is a director in the D & M Cord Tire Company of Warren; a director and vice president of the Storage, Transfer & Supply Company, with offices and warehouses at both Warren and Niles; and is a director of the Ohio Corrugating and Manufacturing Company of Warren.

As a citizen of Warren he has naturally allied himself with many movements involving the general welfare of the community and on several occasions has furnished the motive principle and power to enterprises that later have come to be looked upon as cornerstones in the city's great growth and development. While his business interests are divided among several communities, and while he has been a resident of Warren only a few years, he has again and again demonstrated his loyalty to the city, particularly so as one of the original stockholders in the Trumbull Steel Company, since through his personal influence must be credited the location of that great plant at Warren. After organization the Trumbull Steel Company planned a location at some point in the valley. Its officers visited Warren and practically decided on locating the plant in the city. However, they met with but little encouragement from the people, and for that reason a decision was practically reached to go elsewhere. Understanding the tremendous advantage that the community was neglecting, Mr. Stillwagon personally presented the situation before the Warren Board of Trade, urging immediate action, and was at once appointed and empowered by the Board as a committee of one to take charge of the negotiations. He carried forward the matter with characteristic good judgment and skill, with the result that the Trumbull Steel Company has its home at Warren and is now the largest industrial plant in the city.

Among other interests Mr. Stillwagon is a director in the Fort Smith Smelter Company at Fort Smith, Arkansas, a director in the American Zinc Products Company at Newcastle, Indiana, and is still a director in the Dollar Savings Bank at Niles and a director in the Girard Home Savings & Loan Company.

He is a member and director in the Warren Board of Trade, a member of the Country Club, and the Warren Lodge of Elks. He belongs to the Central Christian Church of Warren and is active in many other directions. Mr. Stillwagon married Miss Grace May Mackey, daughter of E. H. and Melvina (Mills) Mackey of Vienna Township.

David Fitch Anderson. Of the many lawyers who within the past twenty years have honored the Ohio bar, David Fitch Anderson, of Youngstown, occupies a place of prominence, his broad, keen and lucid legal exposition having won him a high position among his professional co-workers, while his fine legal attainments, his forceful arguments, and his many successes in his field of endeavor have given him a wide and well merited reputation. He was born, June 3, 1864, in West Austintown, Mahoning County, a son of David and Hannah L. (Shaw) Anderson. His father came from Ireland to the United

States when a lad of sixteen years, settling first in Philadelphia, and later coming to Youngstown. He died when seventy-four years of age.

After completing the course of study in the common school of his native town, David Fitch Anderson attended Poland Seminary and Mount Union College. Subsequently reading law in the office of Gen. A. W. Jones & Anderson, he was admitted to the bar June 1, 1891, and immediately began the practice of his chosen profession in Youngstown. His advancement has been rapid, and each step taken has been highly creditable to him both as a lawyer and as a man of integrity and worth. Mr. Anderson's practice in the federal courts has been extensive, and he has had his share in the important litigation of city, county, state and nation. Mr. Anderson has been admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States; the United States Court of Cleveland; the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati; the United States Court of Appeals in Philadelphia; the Federal Court of Pittsburgh; and to the Federal Court of Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Anderson entered into partnership with Venice J. Lamb and Clyde W. Osborn and the high success attendant upon his professional labors bears speaking evidence of his ability and integrity, while the frequency of his calls to act as consultant with other lawyers is visible proof of the regard in which he is held by his professional brethren. As a delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Mahoning County, Mr. Anderson assisted in drawing up the present constitution of the state. He takes intelligent and thoughtful interest in politics, being an active member of the republican party. He is affiliated with the national and state bar associations, and was employed by the Ohio Federation of Labor to draw up the Employers' Liability Law. Socially he is a member of Youngstown Country Club and Poland Country Club, and religiously he belongs to the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Anderson married Hallie Johnson, daughter of Monroe and Hettie (Johnson) Johnson, and they have one child, Henrietta H. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson's father was formerly a prosperous attorney of Youngstown.

Charles Snelling Robinson, vice president in charge of operations for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, has been prominent in industrial affairs in Youngstown since he assumed that position in 1906. He was born at Boston, March 1, 1864, his parents being Theodore and Susannah Snelling (Powell) Robinson. Mr. Robinson is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but his knowledge of the iron and steel industry might well have been inherited, as both his father and grandfather were prominent in the management of the historic Old Colony Iron Works, which, under the direction of Charles Robinson, the grandfather, was an important source of material for the Government at Washington during the Civil war.

Mr. Robinson entered the service of the Joliet Steel Company after graduating from the "Boston Tech," in the year 1884, remaining there two years. He then became chemist for Mather, Morse & Company at Bessemer, Michigan. Later he returned to Joliet as chief chemist for the Illinois Steel Company at that place, occupying this position until 1892, when he was made manager of blast furnaces for the Dunbar Furnace Company. He resigned this position later to become assistant general superintendent and afterward general superintendent of the Minnequa Works of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company. From 1899 to 1906 he was general manager of the iron department of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, having in this position charge of the exploration work, mining and manufacturing.

In 1906 Mr. Robinson became vice president in general charge of operations for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, in which position he has seen this company become the largest industrial corporation in Ohio and has attained wide reputation as an industrial executive.

He is a member of the American Iron & Steel Institute, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the British Iron & Steel Institute and other prominent technical societies. During the World war he served as a state director for the United States Naval Consulting Board and was a member of the Ohio State Advisory Board of the national employment service organized by the Department of Labor. He has served as vice president of the Community Service Society and a member of the executive committee of the Community Corporation; vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, director of the Mahoning Bank and secretary and treasurer of the Mill Creek Park Commission. He is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Union Club of Cleveland.

Mr. Robinson was married on December 8, 1887, to Miss Viola B. Salter, of Joliet, Illinois. They have five children: Margaret, wife of Myron Arms II; Frances M., wife of Wilbur Newton; Alice Elizabeth, Snelling Salter and Katherine W. The Robinson home is on Old Furnace Road and is one of the attractive places in that section of the city.

William I. Davies. Occupying a position of prominence and influence among the representative men of Youngstown, William I. Davies was for many years officially connected with the management of municipal affairs, and as cashier of the Mahoning National Bank is identified with one of the successful financial institutions of Mahoning County. He was born, September 30, 1876, in South Wales, a son of the late William D. Davies.

But four years old when he crossed the ocean with his parents, William I. Davies was educated in Youngstown, attending the Front Street and the Oak Street schools. In September, 1892, having previously been employed in some of the city stores, Mr. Davies entered the city clerk's office, and served in a minor position under J. Howard Edwards and Fred C. Brown until 1896, when he became assistant clerk under Fred C. Brown and continued in that position until the retirement of Mr. Brown in 1900, in the month of February. Mr. Davies was then elected by the City Council city clerk to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Brown. Seven weeks later

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Mr. Davies was elected city clerk for a full term, and at the expiration of that term was re-elected for another term. In May, 1903, when the new Ohio code, making a new election necessary, went into effect, Mr. Davies was elected city auditor, and through two re-elections, served in that capacity until December, 1911, performing the duties devolving upon him ably and faithfully.

On the expiration of his term in office as city auditor, Mr. Davies became the auditor of the Mahoning National Bank, and in 1916 was made assistant cashier of that institution. Proving himself very efficient in the performance of his duties, he was appointed cashier of the bank in 1918, and has since filled the responsible office with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Davies is also treasurer of the Mahoning Savings and Trust Company, a position to which he was appointed while acting as assistant cashier of the bank with which he is now identified.

Mr. Davies married, September 30, 1911, Mary Webb Donaldson, of Youngstown. She passed to the higher life in May, 1916, leaving one child, Margaret Isabella Davies. Fraternally Mr. Davies is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

William G. Dornan. Among the able and influential members of the Ohio bar, William G. Dornan, of Youngstown, has won prestige, being known as a man of scholarly attainments, with a comprehensive knowledge of law that has gained him much success in his professional career, and placed him in a position of note among the leading attorneys of the Mahoning Valley. A son of B. J. and Alice (Gibson) Dornan, he was born in New Cumberland, West Virginia, in 1878.

Applying himself closely to his studies from his youth up, William G. Dornan was graduated from the Western Reserve Law School with the class of 1908, and later received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the State University, first at Morgantown, West Virginia. Admitted to the bar in 1908, Mr. Dornan immediately opened an office in Youngstown, and as an able lawyer has since had his full share of practice, both in the city and in the county.

Mr. Dornan married, in 1914, Virginia Herd, of Morgantown, West Virginia, and they have two children, William G., Jr., and Jean. During the World war Mr. Dornan was kept busy with questionnaire work, and served on several important committees. He was one of the organizers of the Madison Oil and Gas Company, of which he is secretary. Active in politics, he was secretary of the Mahoning Republican Club during the Hughes-Taft campaign.

David Millar. Inheriting in no small measure the energy, industry and thrift characteristic of a long line of sturdy Scotch ancestors, David Millar has made rapid progress in his business career, and as secretary of the Proctor-Klingensmith Company is officially identified with one of the leading shoe firms of Youngstown. He was born February 5, 1881, in Grangemouth, Scotland, a seaport town.

His parents, William and Christina (Thomson) Millar, came with their family to the United States in the fall of 1881, when David was but nine months old. Locating in Houston, Texas, William Millar was there engaged in tilling the soil for five years, but being much dissatisfied with the result of his agricultural labors, he came to Youngstown with his wife and children. Taking up his trade of baker, which he had learned in Scotland, he entered the employ of Mr. Lightbody, with whom he remained until retiring from active pursuits. Neither he nor his wife is now living. They were the parents of six children, as follows: William J., of Youngstown; Mrs. William Winter, of Youngstown; Henry I., of San Diego, California; Agnes, Sarah and David of Youngstown. Both parents were faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Acquiring an excellent education in the schools of Youngstown, David Millar in 1897, a lad of sixteen years, entered the shoe store of Proctor & Klingensmith as errand boy and general factotum, and made himself so useful that his services became indispensable to the firm, seemingly, and he received several well-earned promotions. When the company, in 1916, was incorporated, Mr. Millar was elected secretary, and in addition to filling that office ably and satisfactorily is also serving as one of its directors. Devoting his entire time and energies to his business affairs, Mr. Millar has no interests in club life.

Mr. Millar married, in 1898, Ada P. Preston, of Youngstown, a graduate of the State Normal School at Omaha, Nebraska.

Union C. De Ford. A man of high mental attainments, with a mind broadened by travel and association with men of affairs, Union C. De Ford, of Youngstown, holds distinctive precedence not only as a lawyer, but as a business man of resource and executive ability. He was born, November 15, 1863, in Carroll County, Ohio, a son of John W. and Elvira (Croxton) De Ford, coming on both sides of the house of honored ancestry. The De Ford family originated in the South of France, and in 1685, when Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes, and pushed the Huguenots out of the country, the immigrant ancestor of Mr. De Ford sought refuge in America, and subsequently located with his family in Kent County, Maryland, where he remained until his death, and from whence many of his descendants scattered to different states of the Union. One, John W. De Ford's great-grandfather, John De Ford, served as an officer in the Revolutionary war and lost his entire property. The Croxton family emigrated from England to this country in pioneer days.

Fond of books from his childhood and an exceptionally good student, Union C. De Ford read Blackstone when but twelve years old, and from that time determined to become a lawyer. In 1886 he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, from Mount Union College, which later conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts and Science. He afterward read law with Judge Robert Raley, of Carrollton, Ohio, and with Judge Fimple, of Canton, Ohio. Being admitted to the bar on March 12, 1888, Mr. De Ford opened a law office in Carrollton, Ohio, and almost immediately after was elected mayor of the city, and justice of peace. From 1894 until 1900

he served as probate judge of Carroll County, being elected to the position on the republican ticket. After retiring from the probate office, he continued practice in Carrollton for three years, and then formed a partnership with Judge Billingsley and J. W. Clark, of Lisbon, and subsequently came to Youngstown to engage in the practice of his profession.

Judge Tayler having been appointed Federal judge on March 26, 1907, Mr. De Ford entered the law firm of Arrel, Wilson & Harrington, with which he has since been actively associated, the business conducted being extensive and important. Among the important cases of public interest with which Mr. De Ford has been connected mention may be made of his defense of the Republic Rubber Company, sued for $460,000 under the Sherman anti-trust law, when, after a trial lasting three weeks, in Cleveland, he secured a verdict from the jury after a deliberation of forty-five minutes only.

Mr. De Ford's opinion and counsel are much sought for the guidance of large financial interests, and in 1919 he was appointed executor of the estate of Gen. C. M. Spitzer, the noted Toledo bond man. He has organized a number of banks, including some in Carroll County, and the Cummins Trust Company, at Carrollton, and is interested in both the Mahoning National Bank and the Commercial National Bank, Youngstown institutions. He is a director in both the Wilkoff Company and the Youngstown Steel Car Company, and general counsel for those organizations. Also a member of the board of the Realty Security Company. Mr. De Ford's business in connection with the firm is principally that of division counsel for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. In his early days, Mr. De Ford ran a telephone exchange, and built a brick plant and an electric light plant, his activities leading him into various industries before he became a full-fledged lawyer.

Mr. De Ford is familiar with both home and foreign countries, in 1906 having traveled through Mexico with a party of investors who were promoting a railroad, while in 1913 he accompanied General Spitzer on a motoring trip through Europe, visiting the principal points of interest, and all of the larger and more important cities.

Mr. De Ford has been twice married. He married first, in December, 1888, at Carrollton, Eva Rue, of that city. She passed to the higher life December 19, 1912, leaving one son, John W. De Ford, of Youngstown. Mr. De Ford married for his second wife, June 30, 1915, Grace Whitcraft, of Carrollton.

Actively identified with the republican party, Mr. De Ford has ever taken an intelligent interest in politics, and served as chairman of the Congressional Convention when J. J. Gill was nominated to the Congress from the Sixteenth District. He belongs to two college fraternities, the Delta Tau Delta and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Fraternally he is a member of nearly all the bodies of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, including the lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Shrine, and Scottish Rite bodies at Youngstown, Ohio.

SAMUEL GRANT MCCLURE. This vital, progressive age is one that demands of men a distinctive initiative power if they are to attain to success worthy the name, and in addition to this power is required self-reliance, determination and consecutive application in the pursuit of a definite purpose. All these attributes have been exemplified in the career of Samuel G. McClure, who has gained success and prestige in the journalistic world and who is distinctively the architect of his own fortunes. Appreciative of the attractions and advantages of the city of Youngstown, he has here found it possible to gain a position as one of its most substantial men of affairs, and has enjoyed unmistakable personal popular esteem in the city which he elected to make his home and the scene of his well-directed endeavors.

Samuel Grant McClure, editor and publisher of the Youngstown Telegram, was born on his father's farm near Orville, Wayne County, Ohio, on August 9, 1863, and is one of four children born to Alfred and Eleanor (Gailey) McClure. He comes from a long line of sterling old pioneer ancestry, his paternal grandfather having been Samuel McClure, a native of near Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, born on a farm taken up by his great-grandfather, James McClure, from an original grant from William Penn. On that farm stood a stockade which had been erected by the early settlers of that region as a means of protection against Indian marauders. A bronze tablet, erected by the daughters of the American Revolution, now marks this spot. The order of descent is from this James to James, then Samuel, then Alfred, and then Samuel G., the immediate subject of this sketch. The second James was the first white child born in Pennsylvania north of the Susquehanna River. He served as a captain of artillery in the Revolutionary war. Alfred McClure, father of the subject, served as a private in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war. The grandfather, Samuel McClure, came to Ohio late in the '20s and located on a pioneer farm in Wayne County, where he spent the remainder of his days.

Samuel G. McClure was reared on the paternal farmstead, remaining there until twenty-two years of age. After completing the common school course he entered Wooster College, where he was graduated with the class of 1886, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his collegiate course he published the University Voice, a weekly college paper, as an independent venture. In the spring of 1887 he went to Cleveland and became exchange editor of the Leader, remaining there until 1893. In the meantime he became an editorial writer on that paper, and also did considerable magazine and syndicate writing. In 1893 he was sent to Columbus as the state correspondent of the Cleveland Leader, and while there he came into close personal relations with William McKinley, who was then governor of the state. In 1895 Mr. McClure went back to Cleveland and accepted the position of secretary to the Board of Control, under Mayor R. E. McKisson, but eleven months later he resigned and, in March, 1896, he became general manager of the Ohio State Journal at Columbus. He retained this position until 1902, when he resigned to fill the position of secretary of the Wolfe Brothers Shoe Company of Columbus. A journalist by instinct and cultivated

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taste, he was not satisfied with any other vocation, and in February, 1903, he, in association with Robert F. and Harry P. Wolfe, bought the Ohio State Journal, Mr. McClure becoming general manager of the property. Under his management the Journal was the recognized organ of the republican party in Ohio, and the circulation of the paper was increased ten-fold. In the fall of 1905 Mr. McClure sold his interest in the paper and thereafter spent some time in travel. In June of the following year he bought the Youngstown Telegram, moved to this city and has since then given his sole attention to the editorial and business management of this paper. One result of the thirteen years' ownership of the paper has been the seven-fold increase in its net paid circulation. The Telegram has consistently at all times stood for the best interests of the community, and in his editorial utterances Mr. McClure has always been found in the front ranks of those who have supported the highest moral standards. Thus, the Telegram was the first of the larger newspapers of Ohio to openly advocate prohibition, and he saw a wet majority of 1,000 in Mahoning County changed to a dry majority of 3,200 in 1918. As a writer Mr. McClure is forceful and convincing, and through the columns of the Telegram he has exerted a powerful influence in shaping and controlling public life and thought. The Telegram is one of the most popular papers of the Mahoning Valley, comparing favorably with the best journals of the state in news, editorial ability and mechanical execution. The community recognizes in Mr. McClure not only one of the keenest newspaper men, but also a representative citizen whose interest in all that affects the general welfare has been of such a character as to win for him a high place in the confidence and esteem of the people.

On September 29, 1892, Mr. McClure was married to Louise Truesdell, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children, Robert E., Elinor Louise and Samuel G., Jr. Robert E. enlisted as a private in the United States service during the recent World war, and while abroad won a second lieutenant's commission. He was employed as an instructor in the infantry training camp in Langres, France, and after the armistice he was detailed as personnel officer at the University of Nancy, where he remained until the end of the university year, when the students were sent home. He was a student at Yale University, having completed his junior year, and he had won membership in the honorary Greek-letter Society, Phi Beta Kappa, on his three-years record for scholarship, when he entered the army. Elinor was prevented by ill health from graduating from Smith College with the class of 1920. The youngest son, Samuel G., who is now a student at Yale University, prepared at Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut, where he played the position of right end on the football team which had the unique distinction of never having been scored against.

Mr. McClure and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, while fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. Socially he is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

George Bushnell Cornell. Distinguished not only as a native of Youngstown, but as one of its prosperous and popular business men, George B. Cornell, vice president of the Proctor-Klingensmith Company, has a thorough knowledge of the demands of the shoe trade, and is devoting his energies to advancing the material and financial interests of the company with which he is associated. He was born in Youngstown, September 15, 1879, a son of the late Dr. George and Mary (Bushnell) Cornell, the latter of whom was left a widow in early womanhood, with four children to care for, Eleanor, John, Charles and George Bushnell. She still resides in Youngstown, where her husband was for several years secretary and treasurer of the Artificial Gas Company. Mr. Cornell's grandfather, Dr. George Cornell, of Rensselaersville, New York, died during the Civil war, from a stomach trouble contracted during his service in the army.

Educated in Youngstown, George B. Cornell attended the public and high schools, and while a pupil in the Rayen High studied chemistry, and did a good deal of laboratory work. In 1899 he entered the employ of the Proctor-Klingensmith Company, accepting a salary of $4 a week, and served his employers so ably and faithfully that in 1916, when the company was incorporated, he was elected vice president of the same. Active in the management of the concern, Mr. Cornell does some of the buying of the fine shoes and fancy slippers that are recognized by the women of Youngstown as staple articles of the well equipped establishment.

Mr. Cornell married, in 1910, Sara Olwen Jones, of Weathersfield, Ohio, and into their pleasant household two children have made their advent, George Edward and Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Cornell is a gifted musician, and after her graduation from the Dana's Institute, Warren, Ohio, taught music at Girard, and has since sung in many of the churches in this vicinity. She is identified by membership with the First Baptist Church of Girard, while Mr. Cornell is an active member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as usher until 1916.

Charles R. March. While most of his life has been spent in his native state of Ohio, Charles R. March, proprietor and manager of the Mt. Everett Fruit Farm in Hubbard Township, first became definitely and practically interested in horticulture while in Southern California. He has made a big thing of the Mt. Everett Fruit Farm, and his example has proved stimulating to the growing and production of fruit in this section of Ohio.

Mr. March was born in Wyandotte County, Ohio, June 6, 1875, son of John H. March, who was a brother of the prominent Hubbard banker, S. Q. March, whose career is sketched elsewhere in these pages. John H. March settled in Wyandotte County in 1869, and lived there until his death in 1910.

Charles R. March grew up on his father's farm, was educated in local schools, and in 1902 went to California. For two years he was employed on the

fruit ranch of the Lucky Baldwin estate, a famous California property near Los Angeles. This experience gave him a good knowledge of the business of fruit growing and marketing, and in 1904 he came back to Ohio and took the management of the Mt. Everett Fruit Farm. This farm is part of the original McEverett farm. Mr. March was instrumental in organizing a company, in which his uncle, S. Q. March, was a stockholder, as were also L. C. Van Ness and A. J. Mayer, all of Hubbard. Mr. March became a stockholder and manager. A new orchard had just been planted and the capital of the company was employed in further extension until fifty acres were set to peaches and apples. This is the pioneer fruit farm of Hubbard Township, and the success that has followed Mr. March's enterprise has made the region attractive to many other fruit growers. All natural advantages are combined in this locality, including soil, water, air, drainage, and an elevation of about 1,200 feet above sea level. The first large commercial crop of peaches was raised on Mr. March's farm in 1909. The results with both peaches and apples have been very satisfactory and flattering. The chief apple varieties are the Baldwin, Northern Spy, Grimes Golden and Stark. The farm comprises 130 acres, and that portion not set to fruit is employed for general crops.

In 1905 Mr. March married Miss Cora Slemons, daughter of William Slemons, of Liberty Township. They have one daughter, Mary Pearl, attending school. Mr. March has been a Knight of Pythias for over twenty years and is now affiliated with Coalburg Lodge. He is a life member of the Ohio State Horticultural Society, a director in the Hubbard Bank of Hubbard and a member of the Grange and of the Farm Bureau. He and his family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Cedar Corners.

Robert William Dimond. Conspicuous among the foremost floriculturists of Mahoning Valley, Robert William Dimond is associated with one of the more refining and uplifting industries of our times, and as president of the Kay-Dimond Company, of Youngstown, is carrying on a substantial business, his knowledge of flowers, and his taste and judgment in the adaptation of flowers for decorative purposes being unquestioned, while his stock of blossoms and plants constantly on hand is nowhere excelled. A son of the late Robert S. Dimond, he was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1882.

Robert S. Dimond, whose death occurred in 1910, was the pioneer plumber and steam-fitter of Avalon, Pennsylvania, and as a contractor did the plumbing and steam-fitting of many of the larger buildings of the City of Pittsburgh. During the Civil war he was connected with the signal service. His wife, whose maiden name was Luella Hanlon, is now living in Pittsburgh.

Beginning his early studies in the public schools of Pittsburgh, Robert William Dimond continued them in Avalon, and while a pupil in the schools had care of the gas lights of the place, receiving $7 a month for his work. Having a predilection for the florist's trade, he subsequently entered the employ of James Semple, who perfected the aster, and while working in his greenhouse acquired a proficient knowledge of plant and flower production, and was afterward employed for some time in a florist's establishment. In the fall of 1906 Mr. Dimond was urged by the Templin Company of the Mahoning Valley to join it as manager of the floral department, and that position he held for a year. The ensuing seven years Mr. Dimond held a similar position with John Walker, a well known florist of Youngstown. Embarking in business on his own account in 1913, Mr. Dimond opened a store at 27 North Phelps Street, and the business soon grew to such proportions that a partner was needed. Being joined by George W. Kay, the Kay-Dimond Company was organized, Mr. Dimond being made president, and to all intents and purposes owner of all the stock of the firm.

Mr. Dimond married, in 1906, Elsie C. Beckfield, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, Robert William Dimond, Jr., born in 1907. Fraternally Mr. Dimond belongs to Youngstown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, member of the Masonic order, the Western Star Lodge, Youngstown Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons, Eastern Star Chapter No. 21, of Youngstown, and member of Chamber of Commerce.

James S. Schout. After an active career in which he has measured up to the full responsibilities of a Mahoning Valley farmer, and been burdened with the care of many property interests, Mr. James S. Schout is in a position to take life somewhat leisurely and lives in comfort and ease at his home in the Bolin Hill district of Holland Township, half way between Niles and Warren, on the Niles Road.

His birthplace was only a quarter of a mile distant from his present home, though across the line in Weathersfield Township. Mr. Schout was born December 14, 1852, son of Owen and Catherine (Hoffman) Schout, being the only child of their marriage. His father was born near Allentown in Lehigh County and his mother in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Their families had been in Pennsylvania for many generations. Catherine Hoffman was about fourteen years of age when brought to Ohio by her widowed mother, whose maiden name was Julia Hoffman. They settled in Southington Township, where Catherine Hoffman grew up and lived until her marriage about 1848. Owen Schout came to Ohio a young man. He was a miller by trade, and after his marriage settled on the land where James S. was born. Owen Schout died there October 26, 1861. He was born December 1, 1820. His wife, Catherine, was born August 31, 1825, and died July 16, 1906. After the death of her first husband she became the wife of Philip Beck, by which marriage she had one daughter, Flora J. Beck, now living at Warren. Mrs. Catherine Beck spent most of her life at the old homestead, but in 1891 removed to Warren.

James S. Schout lived on the old farm with his mother, though he also learned the shoemaker's trade and for two years clerked in a store at Niles. In 1874 he married Lucetta Bailey, of Newton Township. She died in April, 1903, the mother of three children, Charles, William and Catherine. Charles, an electrician with the Trumbull Steel Company, lives on part of his father's farm and married Anna Won-

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ders. William, a machinist living at Cleveland, married Mabel Double, of Warren. Catherine is the wife of Rev. Edwin H. Laubach, a minister of the Reformed Church living at Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

In 1906 Mr. James Schout married Miss Glenna L. Dewar, a lady of intelligence and superior character, who has proved an able home maker. She was born near Pittsburgh and at the age of fifteen came to Warren with her parents, George L. and Frances (Seetin) Dewar. Her mother died in 1904 and her father, a former railroad man, is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Schout.

The farm of Mr. Schout was land secured by his father during his lifetime. James Schout also bought what remained of the old homestead where he was born. More than seventy acres of this land had been appropriated for the rights of way of three railroads running through it. Some of the old farm was also platted as an addition to DeForest, a former railroad junction near Niles. Much of this land has been sold as industrial sites. The present Schout home includes a portion of the attractive elevation known as Bolin Hill, which stands about 1,000 feet above sea level and is very desirable for residence purposes.

Mr. Schout is a democrat in politics, has served as a member of the school board and election board, and has been an elder in the Reformed Church at Warren. Mrs. Schout is active in the Presbyterian Church and its societies at Warren.

Charles A. Gifford. A keen-sighted, wide-awake, and able business man of Youngstown, Charles A. Gifford, keeps abreast with the requirements of the general public, and is officially associated with various industrial organizations of this and adjacent cities. He was born, November 22, 1875, in Erie County, Pennsylvania, on the farm of his parents, James P. and Ellen L. (Green) Gifford who are still residents of Erie County

After leaving the rural schools of his native district Charles A. Gifford took a course of study at the State Normal School in Waterford, Pennsylvania. Entering the employ of the Constable Brothers, lumber dealers and contractors, in 1893, he served as collector for the firm seven years, beginning work at $1 a day, and in 1903 was made manager of the mill. Subsequently, in partnership with Robert Constable, Mr. Gifford came to Youngstown and established the Youngstown Glass & Paint Company, Edward W. Constable and Charles A. Constable also becoming members of the firm. Robert Constable's interest was bought out by the remaining members, and at the death of Edward W. Constable, in 1917, Mr. Gifford secured his interest in the concern. On January 1, 1918, the business was incorporated, with Mr. Gifford as president and treasurer, and Charles A. Constable as vice president. The Warren Window Glass Company was organized at Warren, Ohio, in May, 1917, Mr. Gifford being made president, and David S. Lansdowne, treasurer. Mr. Gifford is also president of the Hoffmaster-Gifford Motor Company, organized in 1915, Lawrence T. Hoffmaster being vice president and treasurer; and likewise president of the Hoffmaster-Gifford Tire Sales Company.

Mr. Gifford married in 1906, Addie W. Constable, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, Bettena, born in 1907. Mr. Gifford belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Builders Exchange, being active in each organization. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, belonging to the Youngstown Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and belongs also to Cleveland Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bert H. Printz. Although born on foreign soil, Bert H. Printz, of Youngstown, was brought up and educated in this country, imbibing in his youth the respect for American methods and institutions, and the knowledge and patriotic spirit, that have made him a loyal and valued citizen of the United States. A native of Austria-Hungary, he was born November 29, 1859, a son of Abraham and Rosa (Wohlgemuth) Printz. His father immigrated with his family to the United States in 1864, and the same year established himself in the tailoring business at Youngstown, where he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Completing his early studies in the public schools of Youngstown, Bert H. Printz found work at Hornell, New York. Two years later he went to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a salesman in the clothing store of Mr. Traxler from February 28, 1878, until 1886, when on the first day of April he started in business in that city for himself, opening a clothing and furnishing store. Succeeding well in his venture, Mr. Printz in company with his brother, A. A. Printz, opened a branch clothing store in Franklin, Pennsylvania in 1888. Enlarging their operations, Messrs. Printz established a clothing and furnishing store at Warren, Pennsylvania, in 1894, and subsequently opened stores in three other cities, Oil City and Kane, Pennsylvania, and Jamestown, New York. A branch store was established in Youngstown in 1917, in the early part of that year the Printz Company having been organized with a capital stock of $250,000, Bert H. Printz being made president of the concern. This firm is conducting an extensive business, with a profit sharing policy in force that is very pleasing to its employees, and largely responsible for their loyalty.

On January 20, 1899, Mr. Printz was united in marriage with Mildred G. Hayes of Wichita, Kansas. She died September 16, 1907, leaving one child, Gertrude Rose Printz. Mr. Printz married for his second wife, July 8, 1915, Mrs. Bella N. Cahn, of Youngstown.

Fraternally Mr. Printz is a member of Sharon, Pennsylvania, Lodge No. 250, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and of Franklin, Pennsylvania, Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He takes great interest in the welfare of children, and is serving on the Board of Fresh Air Fund. He has served as president of Rodef Sholem Temple, and was president of the Congregation while the temple was in process of construction.

Frank E. Cailor of the Cailor-Beight Realty Company, of Youngstown, is intimately associated with the development, improvement and upbuilding of this section of the Mahoning Valley, and as a man

of ability and sound judgment has become officially connected with both financial and industrial organizations. A native of Ohio, he was born, December 6, 1871, in Woodworth, Mahoning County, a son of Noah and Louisa (Wittenberger) Cailor, both of whom were natives of the same county. The father, a carpenter by trade, died in 1880.

Left fatherless at the age of nine years, Frank E. Cailor had very limited educational advantages, and no high school training at all. Although thus handicapped in early life, he made excellent use of his time and natural talents, by study, reading and observation acquiring a practical knowledge that has been of inestimable value to him in his active career. Coming from North Lima, Ohio to Youngstown in 1895, he first worked as a laborer for Pollock & Company and later accepted a position at the Erie Railroad Freight House, where he was for seven years employed as a freight handler and clerk. The ensuing three years he was storage man for the Youngstown Dry Goods Company performing the duties devolving upon him faithfully and ably.

In March, 1905, Mr. Cailor became salesman for Pfau & Faunce, real estate dealers, and in 1906 embarked in business on his own account, opening an office on Wick Avenue, and selling city property on commission. Continuing the business, he was in partnership with William Beight from 1908 until 1914, when the Cailor-Beight Realty Company was incorporated, with William Beight as president, George Gluck, vice president, and Mr. Cailor as secretary and treasurer. Many important transactions in realty have passed through the hands of this company, which is carrying on business with gratifying results.

Mr. Cailor assisted in organizing the South Side Savings Bank, and the South Side Savings Loan Company, in each of which he is a director, and he is likewise one of the directors of the Reed Drug Company. During the World war, he was clerk on the Draft Board for Mahoning County, serving in that capacity seven months for the Third District.

Mr. Cailor married, December 27, 1894, Emma S. Mentzer, of North Lima, Ohio, and of their union six children have been born, namely: Marvin L., who died at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, of meningitis, in 1918; Earl H., of Youngstown; La Verne; Elizabeth; Howard and Junior. Religiously Mr. Cailor is a valued member of Saint Lukes Lutheran Church, and a member of its council. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

William Beight, who for a number of years has been a prominent factor in real estate activities at Youngstown, particularly in subdivision work, has lived in this city since 1907 when he transferred his residence from New Middletown, where for a number of years he was a merchant.

He was born in Springfield Township of Mahoning County, January 11, 1866, and is member of a family that has lived in this section of Eastern Ohio for more than a century.

It was established here in 1802 by his great-grandfather and grandfather, both named John Beight. They came from Hagerstown, Maryland, and paid the usual government price of $1.25 an acre for a half section upon which they built their first rude log cabin home. Some of that land is still owned and occupied by the Beight family.

In this locality was born Jonathan Beight, father of the Youngstown business man in December, 1828. He also followed farming on the old homestead acres and married Bietta Lipp, who was born in 1828 in Stuttgart, Germany, and was brought to Mahoning County when five years of age. Jonathan Beight and wife had a family of ten children and they and their descendants are still numerously represented in Mahoning County.

William Beight spent his early life on his father's farm, and was educated in district schools, in the Northeastern Ohio Normal School at Canfield and in the Spencerian Commercial School at Cleveland. His early business experience was with a mercantile firm at New Springfield, and in 1887 he began business at New Middletown and for twenty years conducted a large and well patronized general store, supplying most of the families living in that vicinity. For several years one of his brothers was his partner.

Selling his business at New Middletown in 1907, Mr. Beight came to Youngstown and became associated with Frank E. Cailor in real estate subdivision. They opened an office in the Dollar Bank Building and in 1914 the firm was incorporated with Mr. Beight as president and Mr. Cailor, secretary and treasurer, George Gluck being vice president. Some notable work stands to the credit of this organization. They developed the Bentley Plat near the Republic Works, Earle Avenue on the south side, Ferne Cliffe at Boardman, forty acres at Poland Avenue known as Hunter Plat, and also the Osborn Plat south of Market Street. In politics he is a democrat, is affiliated with the Masons at East Palestine and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Youngstown.

In the year 1887, he married Miss Emma Fauser, who was born in Mahoning County, a daughter of Frederick and Lucy (Martin) Fauser. Mr. Beight's only son is Judson Frederick Beight, born February 11, 1888, and now in the grocery business on Hillman Street in Youngstown. He married Miss Hattie Good of Poland.

George D. Gluck. Well trained in modern business ways and methods, George D. Gluck is conspicuously identified with the advancement of the mercantile prosperity of Youngstown, and as a successful hardware merchant, and an officer in various industrial and financial organizations is well known and influential in the business circles of his community. A native of the Keystone state, he was born, January 18, 1874, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a son of Louis and Caroline (Lenz) Gluck.

Born in Germany, Louis Gluck came to the United States in early manhood, making his way directly to Ohio. Settling in Poland, he was for many years employed as boss blacksmith at the Brier Hill Furnace, later being the pioneer merchant of that village. Subsequently moving to Coitsville, there he bought land and improved a highly productive farm.

But six years old when his parents moved to Coitsville, George D. Gluck was brought up on the home

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farm, and educated in the rural schools. Coming from there to Youngstown in 1891, he served for upwards of five years as a clerk in the grocery department of G. M. McKelvey Company. In 1896, in company with his brother Albert, he established himself as a grocer at 209 East Federal Street. The company liquidated in 1903, and Mr. Gluck opened a hardware store at 1011 Market Street, which he operated alone until 1906, when John G. Spatholt became his partner, continuing with him for a year. In 1907, again becoming associated with his brother Albert, Mr. Gluck established a general hardware house at 1005 Market Street, purchasing the property, and has since carried on a very satisfactory business, his annual sales being large and remunerative. Mr. Gluck is officially connected with several corporations, being vice president, and a director, of the Cailor-Beight Realty Company; president and a director of the Landscape Realty Company; a director of the Citizens Bank and of the South Side Savings Bank.

Mr. Gluck married, in 1896, Ida Spatholt, a daughter of Charles Spatholt, a pioneer settler of Youngstown, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Carl A., with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Works; George J. and Fred L. Mr. Gluck is an active member of the German Lutheran Church, which he has served in an official capacity.

October 1, 1919, he sold his hardware interest to his brother and since that time has entered into the real estate business by himself.

John Dingledy. A trustworthy and highly respected citizen of Youngstown, John Dingledy has attained a position of prominence in mercantile circles, and as one of the leading hardware merchants of the city is carrying on a prosperous business. A native of New York, he was born in Buffalo, in February, 1866, being a son of the late Jacob Dingledy.

Born in Germany, Jacob Dingledy immigrated to the United States in early life, and after living a short time in New York City migrated to Buffalo, where he acquired considerable property as a brick and stone contractor, having been considered a pioneer in that line of industry. He died while yet a comparatively young man, his death having occurred August 23, 1896, at the age of sixty-three years. He married Lina Korfman, who was born in Germany, and died in Buffalo, New York. Of the twelve children born of their union, but five are living, as follows: Mrs. Lillian Benz and Edward, of Buffalo; Charles L., William and John of Youngstown.

Spending the days of his boyhood and youth in Buffalo, John Dingledy there acquired his early education, attending first the public schools, and later completing a business college course. His first salaried employment was as a clerk for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. After leaving that position, he traveled in different parts of the country, eventually joining his brother George, who was engaged in the lumber business in Youngstown, being associated with the Dingledy Lumber Company. In 1887 these enterprising brothers formed a copartnership, and opened a hardware store at 448 East Federal Street, assuming possession of the building erected by George H. Dingledy. Larger quarters being demanded as the business grew, the Messrs. Dingledy moved in 1895, to the Mauser Block, where their trade constantly increased. After the death of George L. Dingledy, in 1911, Mr. Dingledy, the subject of this sketch, bought his widow's interest in the firm, and the following year, in 1912, moved to his present fine location at 203 East Federal Street, where he carries a large and well assorted stock of hardware, and a choice line of house furnishings, his store being one of the most complete of its kind of all in the city, requiring in its management the aid of six employes.

Mr. Dingledy married in 1888 Celia McAnany of Youngstown, and of their union five children have been born, three of whom are living, namely: Aubrey, of Youngstown; Caroline and Howard. Fraternally Mr. Dingledy belongs to Hebron Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and religiously he is a member of Grace English Lutheran Church.

Dr. James Nelson Whiteside. Having been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry for nearly half a century, Dr. James Nelson Whiteside, of Youngstown, has kept apace with the swift advance of dental science, following faithfully in the path of those who by intelligent study, patient investigation, and careful experiment have done so much toward banishing the barbarous methods necessarily used by dentists of years long gone by, and modifying to so large an extent human pain and suffering. He was born, November 27, 1847, in Harmonsburg, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, a son of James and Martha (Nelson) Whiteside, both of whom have passed to the life beyond, his father having died at the age of eighty-nine years, in 1899.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in his native town, James N. Whiteside was graduated from the Kansas City Dental College, and was subsequently certified in the State of Ohio. In 1876, in partnership with his brother, Thomas H. Whiteside, he opened a dental office in Jamestown, Pennsylvania, and was there successfully engaged in the practice of his profession for four years. In 1882, desirous of broadening his field of action, the doctor located in Youngstown, and joined his brother Thomas, who came in 1880, and with whom he continued in partnership until 1890. Skilful in his profession, he has established an excellent reputation as a dentist, and built up an extensive and profitable patronage.

Dr. Whiteside married, in 1889, Mary Campbell, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, a woman of culture and refinement. She died in 1918, leaving three children, namely: Nelson, one of Youngstown's successful attorneys; Mary, of Youngstown; and John, of Youngstown, now with the Bessemer Lime Stone Company. Religiously the doctor is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Masonic order since 1874; also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Charles B. Klingensmith. Possessing undoubted business judgment and tact, Charles B. Klingensmith is actively associated with the mercantile affairs of

Youngstown, and as a dealer in shoes of all kinds has built up a highly satisfactory trade, his upright dealings having won for him the confidence of his numerous customers. A son of De Witt C. Klingensmith, he was born, January 8, 1866, in Conneautville, Pennsylvania.

De Witt C. Klingensmith, who was undoubtedly named for De Witt Clinton, of Erie Canal fame, he having been one of its strongest advocates, was himself not only a blacksmith, but a pioneer canal man. Moving with his family to Sharon, Pennsylvania, in 1872, he remained there until 1881, when he located in Youngstown, where he is still a resident. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Brown, died in 1888, aged forty-seven years.

But six years old when his parents located in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Charles B. Klingensmith there attended the district schools, completing his early education at the Rayen High School, in which he was a pupil for a short time after the family came to Youngstown. Subsequently securing employment with the McKelvey Company, he worked in their shoe department for $3 a week, good wages in those days, and during the six years he remained with that firm he received frequent promotions, eventually becoming manager of his department and the buyer for it. His acquired knowledge of the business and his experience in buying and selling giving him confidence in his abilities, Mr. Klingensmith formed a co-partnership with William F. Proctor, and opened a retail shoe store which proved to be a profitable undertaking. In 1914 the business was incorporated with Mr. Klingensmith as treasurer of the concern, and an important factor in advancing its interests. Mr. Klingensmith is also connected with the Cohasset Realty Company as its vice president.

In 1894 Mr. Klingensmith was united in marriage with Miss Nellie McMillen, of Cleveland, and of their union two children have been born, namely: Harriette, wife of William D. Jones, Jr., and Henry M., of Youngstown. Mr. Klingensmith is a member of the First Christian Church, and is one of its directors.

W. Ely Ainge. Skilled in every art and science connected with the keeping or examining of books, W. Ely Ainge, a public accountant and auditor, is a valuable assistant in the management of the mercantile affairs of the huge iron and steel industries of Youngstown, and is widely known in his especial work, having acquired an international reputation as an accountant. A native of England, he was born in Warwick, April 19, 1851, and there spent his earlier years, moving to Halifax, Yorkshire, about 1869, where he entered the employ of J. D. Taylor & Co., chartered accountants, afterwards being admitted a partner in said concern, until his removal to Liverpool in 1880, where he formed a partnership known as Walter, Craven & Ainge.

Immigrating from Liverpool, England, to the United States in 1889, Mr. Ainge located first in Cortland, New York, where he became identified with the Cortland Wagon Company as its chief accountant. He afterward spent two years in Roanoke, Virginia, being business manager during the time for a number of large industrial concerns. Coming from there to Youngstown in 1893, Mr. Ainge installed the accounting and cost system and served as auditor for the Ohio Steel Company until it was absorbed by the National Steel Trust in 1897, when he began the practice of accountantcy, in which he was especially proficient. Organizing the Art Metal Construction Company in Jamestown, New York, in 1900, he was appointed business manager, and in that city established a home which he still maintains.

Going to Buffalo, New York, in 1902, Mr. Ainge established an accounting office in that city, and also one in Youngstown, Ohio. He subsequently put in the accounting system for the coal department of the Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company at Buffalo and in 1912 installed the accounting and cost system now used by the Brier Hill Steel Company, Youngstown, Ohio. In July, 1916, he organized the W. Ely Ainge Accounting Company, having for his associates in the enterprise J. E. Parker, secretary of the Brier Hill Steel Company; J. J. Brant, general auditor of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company; and W. I. Davies, cashier of the Mahoning National Bank. Mr. Ainge is widely known, not only in this country but in England, his native land, as a chartered accountant of considerable ability in organizing and installing cost and account systems in large corporations, especially in the iron and steel industry.

Mr. Ainge married, September 1, 1871, Susan Taylor, daughter of J. D. Taylor, F. C. A. (Fellow Chartered Accountants), of Bradford, and Halifax, England. Nine children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ainge, namely: Fred W., manager of the claims department of the Bethlehem Steel Company; Edith a young militant suffragist of the National Woman's party, who with several of the New York leaders of the party, was imprisoned in the Occoquan Workhouse for a demonstration at the White House, in Washington, District of Columbia; Jessie, Maud, Winifred, Harold, a captain in the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., at Washington; Peter of Portland, Oregon, president of the P. J. Ainge Company; Gilbert, with the Library Bureau at Ilion, New York; and Clifford Douglas, who served in France with Base Hospital Unit No. 31 and since his return has been with the Library Bureau, New York.

Harry G. Hamilton. Possessing rare business judgment and discrimination and a keenness of vision that has kept him alert to the needs of the hour, Harry G. Hamilton, of Youngstown has always been found among the leaders of any movement with which he became associated, many of the more beneficial enterprises that have been of inestimable value in the upbuilding of the city and its suburbs owing their success in a large measure to the impetus they received from his fertile brain. A son of the late Homer Hamilton, he was born, in 1865, in Youngstown, coming from honored ancestry and from Revolutionary stock, his maternal great-grandfather, William Roberts, having served as a major of the Third Battalion from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, during the Revolutionary war.

An expert mechanical engineer, Homer Hamilton acted as consultant engineer in all of the mines and steel mills of Mahoning County. He married Adeline-

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Roberts, who has also passed to the life beyond and of their children three are living, as follows: Frederick B., who served as a mechanical engineer under William Tod; Grant, known as the dean of American cartoonists, and Harry G.

Having acquired a practical education in the public schools of Youngstown, Harry G. Hamilton went southward in search of wealth and adventure and spent eighteen months driving cattle on the Texas plains. Returning to the city of his birth rich in experience, he worked for awhile for the Pittsburgh, Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Company, and in 1890 was city editor of the Independent, a Youngstown paper of that day. Resigning from that position in 1892, he became associated with Richard Brown as superintendent of one of the mills belonging to the Ontario Rolling Mill Company, now known as the Canada Steel Company, Limited, joining the organization as office man, and being given $1.25 a day wages.

In 1893 he received an interest in a rolling mill at Burlington, Iowa, and there had charge of it for eighteen months. The venture proving a failure in that city, Mr. Hamilton removed the mill to Tacoma, Washington, and there met with great success in its management. Business propositions in the East with which he was connected demanding his attention, Mr. Hamilton sold his interest in the Tacoma Mill, and returned to Youngstown to give his entire time and attention to the construction of the Park & Falls Railroad, one of his pet enterprises. During the building of the road, Mr. Hamilton formed a syndicate with W. H. Parks, and was subsequently largely instrumental in developing the South Side property, not only buying the Youngstown Gas & Electric Light Company, but building the Youngstown & Sharon Railway from Sharon to Sharpsville, the Park Theater, and a number of attractive residences.

At the completion of those enterprises Mr. Parks relinquished his interest in the syndicate, and Mr. Hamilton organized and promoted the Mahoning Valley Water Company, having as associates G. M. McKelvey, Mason Evans, and L. E. Cochran, Mr. Evans being made president, and Mr. Hamilton first vice president. The company built the present reservoirs which are rightly known as the life blood of the valley, and also the dam at Struthers. In the upbuilding of all these undertakings, Mr. Hamilton, who inherited from his father great mechanical talent, has been active in the engineering departments.

Mr. Hamilton has other interests of immense value, controlled by George H. Boyd of Sharon and Mr. Hamilton of the Shenango Water Company, which was promoted to furnish water throughout the Shenango Valley. In association with Henry Wick, he bought for George Gould a terminal for the Wabash Railroad, which was later sold to the New York Central Railroad Company, the Gould plan for bringing the road into Youngstown falling through. Throughout Mr. Hamilton's active career there is seen a breadth of vision granted to but few men, his development of the South Side being not the only enterprise that has been of great benefit to the city, as he bought the land, and laid out the enterprising little town he named East Youngstown; while the transportation facilities, and the water advantages and privileges are largely due to his clear foresight.

Mr. Hamilton married, in 1891, Elizabeth Thompson of Canada, and they have three children, Harry, Frederick and Alice.

Homer Hamilton. Born in humble circumstances, and reared in the school of adversity and stern experience, Homer Hamilton, late of Youngstown, became in truth the architect of his own fortunes, a brief resume of his life furnishing to the rising generation a forcible illustration of the material success to be achieved by persevering industry and a wise system of economy.

Leaving school at the age of sixteen years, Homer Hamilton began an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade with Reed & Wells, receiving $25 a year for his services. The firm failing at the end of two years, he went to Warren, Ohio, and was there employed for two years in Hull's Machine Shop, becoming proficient in his trade. Returning then to Youngstown he formed a partnership with James Predmore, becoming junior member of the firm of Predmore & Hamilton, located on East Boardman Street, where the first work turned out by the newly established company was the building of portable steam engines for use in the Mecca Oil Fields, which were then being developed in Trumbull County.

The firm of Predmore & Hamilton was dissolved in 1861, John Stambaugh purchasing the interest of the senior member, and the business was continued under the name of Homer Hamilton & Company. The firm later became identified with the Hamilton Works of William Tod & Company, of which Mr. Hamilton was manager, a position that he filled most ably and satisfactorily.

Mr. Hamilton was a born mechanic, and as a commissioner for Ohio at the Exposition held in New Orleans in the winter of 1883-84 his services were in constant demand to adjust and regulate intricate machinery. Previously he had rendered valuable aid in making a fine exhibit of the iron products and mineral resources of the Mahoning Valley at the Centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876. He was a prominent and influential member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, which is composed of the foremost mechanics of the world, and several of the papers that he read before the association were widely published.

Mr. Hamilton continued his residence in Youngstown until his death. He married Adeline Roberts, a granddaughter of Maj. William Roberts, an officer in the Revolutionary army. Three children blessed their marriage, namely: Frederick, a mechanical engineer, who served in that capacity under William Tod; Grant, who has acquired fame as an American cartoonist; and Harry G., a live, wide-awake citizen of Youngstown. Mrs. Hamilton has also passed to the higher life.

John J. Connor. The assistant superintendent of the tube department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, John J. Connor, belongs to that class of men who have relied upon their own abilities and resources to carry them to positions of responsibility rather than upon the assistance of

wealth or influence. His has been a career in which he has fought his way steadily upward from the bottom of the ladder, and his success, which is not inconsiderable, is all the more satisfying, in that it has been self-gained.

Mr. Connor was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1871, a son of Michael and Mary E. (Fitzgerald) Connor, natives of Ireland. His parents were young people when they came to the United States, separately, and met and were married at Oil City, Pennsylvania. Throughout his career, Michael Connor was a railroad man and had much to do with the construction and grading of the Allegheny Railroad from Pittsburgh to Oil City, Pennsylvania. Both he and Mrs. Connor are living in comfortable retirement at that place, where they have numerous warm friends and are greatly respected and esteemed for their many estimable traits of character. They became the parents of eight children, of whom John J. is the third in order of birth.

John J. Connor passed his boyhood days at Pittsburgh, where he attended the public schools, and when he was about fourteen years of age started out in life for himself as a "buggy boy" at the Butler furnaces. Later he was with the Continental Tube Company, of Pittsburgh, then removing to Oil City, where he became foreman of the butt and lap furnaces. Later he became general foreman of these two, which had then become a part of the National Tube Company, and in June, 1903, came to Youngstown, as general foreman of the butt weld and lap weld furnaces. In 1909 he was made assistant superintendent of the tube department, a position which he has since continued to fill. He is one of the splendidly capable, strictly reliable and forcefully energetic men of the plant, and has the confidence of the officials and the respect and friendship of the men in his charge. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in his political views maintains an independent stand.

On April 25, 1894, Mr. Connor was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Hynes, of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of seven children, namely: Helen, Beatrice, Elizabeth, Loretta, John J., Jr., Isabel and Edward.

Samuel Clark Simonton. To the ordinary individual the science dealing with higher mathematics, is a labyrinth which comparatively few willingly enter, and it is with wonder and often secret envy that they realize what more favored persons accomplish, with apparent ease, in a field so mysterious to them. An expert accountant is undoubtedly born so. With men like Samuel Clark Simonton, public accountant and originator of financial systems, who has loved figures since boyhood, and has preferably served all his business life in positions in which this taste could be called into play, it is as much a natural endowment as would be musical or artistic gifts.

Samuel Clark Simonton, senior member of the firm of Simonton & Jones, accountants, at Youngstown, was born in this city October 9, 1870. His parents were Levi J. and Charlotte Jane (Lett) Simonton, the former of whom died April 3, 1895, and the latter July 8, 1908. The Simontons are old people of Youngstown, the first of the family being pioneers with John Young. The father of Samuel C. Simonton was a man of substantial standing and good repute, and for years was superintendent of the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company, now the Republic Iron and Steel Company. In 1892 he was elected city commissioner and was prominent in other ways.

Samuel C. Simonton was graduated from the Rayen High School in June, 1889, and immediately became self-supporting. In 1892 he went with the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company in a clerical capacity, and continued as chief clerk after the reorganization of the concern into the Republic Iron and Steel Company, a position he filled until 1901. In that year he became interested in the furniture business, and until April, 1905, was secretary and treasurer of the McElroy Furniture Company. Shortly after retiring from this connection, Mr. Simonton embarked in business for himself as an accountant, and in this profession has few equals. He has worked out many systems for corporations and for individuals, for accurate and rapid transactions of trade and finance. Since May, 1918, he has had a partner in Arthur L. Jones, and the business is conducted under the firm name of Simonton & Jones.

In June, 1900, Mr. Simonton was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca B. Watson, of New Castle, Pennsylvania. Although never active politically, Mr. Simonton has always been deeply interested in the advancement and general welfare of his native city, where he has made investments and has preferred to spend his life.

Louis Regenstreich. Although born and bred in a far-away land, Louis Regenstreich of Youngstown has become familiar with American ways, methods, and institutions, and through his loyalty to them, and his faithfulness in upholding the laws of his adopted country is eminently worthy of the position he so proudly holds as a citizen of the United States. He was born, May 10, 1882, in Trg Neantz, Roumania, being the only child of his parents, who were Jews.

Growing to manhood in Roumania, and acquiring there a common school education, Louis Regenstreich chafed under the restrictions passed by the Roumanians on the Jewish people, and determined to seek a broader and freer field of action, where development and advancement depended upon individuality rather than race. Immigrating to the United States in January, 1903, he immediately came to Youngstown, joining the only friend he had in America, L. Lebowitz. Securing a position as clerk in Shuman's grocery, he remained there three years, receiving $3 a week and his board. In 1906, with a capital in hand of $150, he formed a partnership with F. Lupson, who had an equal sum of money to invest, and opened a grocery on East Boardman Street. Buying out his partner's interest in 1908, Mr. Regenstreich continued in business alone for three years, when, in 1911, he was joined by A. Kamenetzky, whose experience as a dealer in specialties encouraged Mr. Regenstreich to venture into the wholesale end of that line of goods. He continued his grocery business also for another year, but closed that out in 1912 in order to devote his entire attention to his wholesale trade, and having admitted James Randell to partnership in

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1918, has since carried on a substantial business under the firm name of the Regenstreich & Kamenetzky Specialty Company. This enterprising company employs ten people, three of them being traveling salesmen, and is fast building up a business that is destined to play an important part in Youngstown's jobbing affairs.

Mr. Regenstreich takes a warm interest in public matters, and is always sure to do his duty at the polls. He is president of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith; a member of the executive board of the Federation of Jewish Charities; likewise of the executive board of Youngstown Zionists; a trustee of the Roumanian Hebrew Association; and belongs to fifteen other Jewish organizations. He was one of the charter members of Congregation Emmanuel, of which he was formerly treasurer. He is also an active member of the Jewish Welfare Board of Youngstown.

Mr. Regenstreich married, in 1906, Hattie Randell, of Cleveland, and they have one son, Theodore Regenstreich.

Monroe Pollock. Among the public-spirited, enterprising and self-reliant men who are associated with the development of the manufacturing and mercantile interests of Youngstown, Monroe Pollock, president and treasurer of the Pollock-Daugherty Company, occupies no unimportant position. A native of Ohio, he was born November 29, 1873, in Cleveland, a son of Solomon and Regina (Schwartz) Pollock, both of whom have passed to the life beyond.

Completing his early education in the public schools of Cleveland, Monroe Pollock began life for himself as bookkeeper for the Baer-Wolf Company of that city. Coming to Youngstown in 1900, he, in partnership with Sol Weinberger bought out the business interests of Mr. E. Mittler, and in the nineteen or more years that have since elapsed the Pollock-Daugherty Company, which has built up an extensive and lucrative wholesale and retail trade in cigars and tobacco, has been developed, Mr. Pollock as president of the firm having contributed his full share in advancing its interests, both material and financial.

Mr. Pollock married, June 17, 1903, Miss Clara Kaber, of Cleveland, and they have one child, Reginald Pollock, born in 1906. Patriotic and public-spirited, Mr. Pollock rendered excellent service on all five of the Liberty Loan committees, ably performing his part in the various drives. He takes great interest in both the Boy Scout and the Red Cross movements, contributing generously towards their support. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and also belongs to the Rodef Sholem Congregation.

Thomas H. Whiteside. A well known and highly respected resident of Youngstown, and one of its longest established dentists, Thomas H. Whiteside is actively associated with what is mayhap the most important branch of surgery because of its required application at some period of life to every member of the human family. Dentistry, it has been remarked, has, owing to the many valuable discoveries and improved methods of recent years, been elevated to a separate science. A son of James and Mary Martha (Nelson) Whiteside, he was born, August 29, 1849, in Harmonsburg, Pennsylvania, where his father was for many years engaged in the tailoring business. Neither of the parents are now living, the father having died in 1899, at the venerable age of eighty-nine years.

Acquiring his early education in the common schools of Harmonsburg, Thomas H. Whiteside continued his studies in the Meadville High School. In 1869 he began the study of dentistry in Meadville, and in 1876 was graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Dentistry, in Philadelphia. Immediately beginning the practice of his chosen profession, Doctor Whiteside met with exceptional success from the start. In 1881 he came from Jamestown, Pennsylvania, to Youngstown, opening an office in the old Wick Bank Building, and has since built up a fine patronage.

Dr. Whiteside married in 1872, Miss Flora Grier, a native of Adamsville, Pennsylvania, and to them four children have been born, namely: James G., engaged in the dental supply business in Youngstown; William H., of Youngstown, a real estate dealer; Frank P., manager of the Kelley-Springfield Tire Company, of Youngstown; and Pearl, wife of Venice J. Lamb, a successful attorney of Youngstown. The Doctor is a man of excellent business ability, and has bought and sold city property to good advantage.

Simon J. Maloney. Simon J. Maloney has gone a long way toward reaching independence as a business man, though he served a long apprenticeship as a clerk and salesman before he became a merchant on his own account. His place of business is at Stop 31 on the Interurban at DeForest, on the road between Niles and Warren in Weathersfield Township. He keeps a well stocked grocery store, and is also a real estate man who has had much to do with the development of this particular section.

Mr. Maloney was born at Niles July 25, 1878, and is a son of Patrick and Bridget (Quinlan) Maloney, who have been residents of Niles for half a century. His father, a native of County Clare, Ireland, during his life at Niles has been a railroad worker and for a quarter of a century a puddler in iron furnaces.

Simon J. Maloney is the second in a family of five children, his older brother being Rev. John F. Maloney, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Hubbard. As a boy he attended St. Stephen's parochial school at Niles, and even while in school was employed as a clerk in stores. After completing his education he clerked for business houses in Niles, Warren and Akron, and a further stage of this experience put him on the road as a commercial salesman for the Dannemiller grocery house of Canton. For two years he covered a large Ohio territory, specializing in selling coffee to the retail trade. Always on the lookout for opportunities, Mr. Maloney in 1915 bought a corner lot and erected his present store building at DeForest. In five years he has been rewarded with a profitable and growing trade, and he also operates a gas station and is a dealer in automobile supplies.

In the line of real estate he has assisted in the

sale of Homemaker Plat and has taken a part in locating industries in this section. Those things that make a good community appeal to his efforts and support, including good schools and good roads. Mr. Maloney is unmarried and lives with his parents at Niles. He is a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and is an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Fred G. Friedrich. One of the more active, busy and prosperous young men of Youngstown, Fred G. Friedrich, head of the well known firm of the Friedrich Yellow Cab & Transfer Company, is an expert in the management of business affairs, operating sixteen trucks in the draying line, and twenty-four taxis in transporting passengers in and around the city and its suburbs, employing in the different departments a force of sixty-eight people. He is a native-born citizen of Youngstown, his birth having occurred April 2, 1887.

Franz Friedrich, his father, was born and reared in Wurtemberg, Germany, from whence he emigrated to the United States, locating first in Wisconsin, where he conducted an undertaking and furniture business. Coming with his family to Youngstown in 1881, he first worked for Christ Weick, as baker, but later embarked in business on his own account, becoming the pioneer baker of the city. A man of sterling character and worth, he made many friends in the community, and was held in high respect as a man and citizen. He died in 1917, but his widow, whose maiden name was Susanne Doepping, is still a resident of Youngstown. She, too, was born and bred in Wurtemberg, Germany, coming to this country in early life.

Acquiring his education in the Youngstown schools, and at Brown's Business College, Fred G. Friedrich entered the employ of Kist Brothers in 1897, intending to learn the plumbers' trade, but finding the work not at all to his liking he gave it up. In the meantime his brother, Gottlieb J. Friedrich, had taken over his father's store, and delivered goods with a horse and wagon. The brother being called to do jury service during the plumbers' strike, Mr. Friedrich drove the wagon. Subsequently he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, in which he served as head clerk, bill clerk, later being made cashier. and then assistant to the express agent.

In 1910, in company with his brother Gottlieb, Mr. Friedrich bought a car, intending to make money by letting it out by the day or hour. The incessant demand of the younger element of the city for the use of that first car was the beginning of the profitable business that has developed into the very efficient taxi service of the company, while the horse and wagon previously mentioned proved to be the nucleus of a draying business requiring at the present time the use of many heavy trucks. At the death of his brother Gottlieb, in 1915, Mr. Friedrich bought his widow's interest in the firm, securing entire control of the business, which was incorporated in 1917, Mr. Friedrich being elected president and general manager; A. E. Burkey, vice president; A. J. Aubrey, treasurer; and W. F. Diefenderfer, secretary. The success of the Friedrich brothers was largely due to the encouragement of their father, who ever evinced an untiring interest in their work, lending his aid and influence in advancing their interests. During the World war, the company was busily occupied in hauling war material to the lake ports, at the outbreak hauling shells to the Dupont Powder Company for the Russian Government.

Mr. Friedrich married, August 15, 1911, Nettie M. Springer, of Sheldon, Indiana, and they are the parents of two children, Carl and Marguerite. Socially Mr. Friedrich is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and of the Belmont Club.

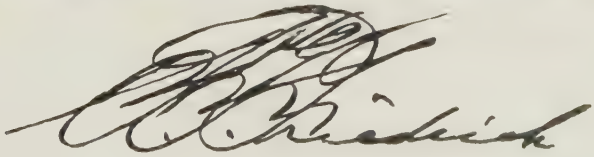
Clinton J. Wall. A well educated, brainy man, Clinton J. Wall has won a position of distinction among the successful attorneys of Youngstown. Through specializing in Damage Law, Personal Injury Action, and Workingmen's Compensation, he has achieved success, his reputation as a lawyer of ability on those points being far extended. A native of Youngstown he was born August 6, 1891, being a son of Edward T. and Annie (McGraw) Wall, his father being well known in industrial circles as a painting contractor.

After his graduation from the Rayen High School, Clinton Wall entered the office of Anderson & Mathews, where he read law so earnestly, and to such good purpose, that he was admitted to the Ohio bar in June, 1913. Entering immediately into partnership with Emil Anderson and I. G. Mathews, he was engaged in the practice of law as junior member of the firm of Anderson, Mathews & Wall until July 1, 1918, he severed his connection with his partners, the firm being dissolved on account of the ill health of Mr. Anderson. Mr. Wall has since practiced alone, devoting his time and energies so very closely to those points of law previously mentioned that he has few outside interests, the legal affairs of his clients demanding his entire attention.

Mr. Wall married, August 3, 1914, Miss Roberta Pressler, formerly of Washington, Pennsylvania. Although not an active politician, Mr. Wall worked ably and faithfully throughout the Bull Moose campaign for Mr. Anderson, who served as a delegate to the National Convention of that party.

Thomas Parrock. Prominently associated with the development of one of the more valuable interests of the Mahoning Valley, Thomas Parrock, of Youngstown, has been intimately connected with the iron and steel industry for forty years, through his expert knowledge contributing largely toward making this section of Ohio one of the business centers of the state. He was born, May 15, 1852, in Staffordshire, England, where he grew to man's estate.

Beginning work in a rolling mill when but fourteen years old, Thomas Parrock became familiar with all of its departments, his specialty, however, having been as a roll turner, his skill in that capacity extending even to this country. In 1880, responding to a cablegram sent him from Pennsylvania, Mr. Parrock, leaving his family in England, came to the United States to assume charge of a small mill belonging to the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company, in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, and the following year was joined by his wife and children. In 1882



Mr. Parrock entered the employ of Myron C. Wick, president of the Trumbull Iron Company, of Girard, Ohio, where he had charge of the roll turning department for two years. Coming from Girard to Youngstown in 1884, he was made manager and director of the roll turning department of the Cartwright-McCurdy Company, having four men under him, and in the same year was appointed by Mr. Wick, superintendent, and when in 1892, the Youngstown Rolling Mill Company and the Cartwright-McCurdy Company consolidated under the name of the Union Iron & Steel Company, later becoming a director, Mr. Parrock continued to have entire supervision of the works until 1901. In 1900 Mr. Parrock was appointed district and general superintendent of the Republic Iron & Steel Works, a position which he successfully filled until 1905, when, on account of a nervous break down, he retired from active pursuits. One of the organizers of the Youngstown Foundry and Machine Company, Mr. Parrock formerly served as its president, and is now one of the largest stockholders, his interests being represented on the board of directors by Harry P. Parrock, manager of the Aluminum Bearing & Bronze Company, of Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Parrock married, in England, Fanny Williams, who was born in Staffordshire, near Dudley, and they became the parents of four children. James, who as first sergeant in the Thirty-Seventh Division saw service in France, now employed by the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, and George, employed in the advertising department of the Telegram.

George Rudge, Jr. A man of sterling worth and character, possessing good judgment and excellent business ability, George Rudge, Jr., is numbered among the highly respected and valued citizens of Youngstown, where the greater part of his life has been spent. A native of Mahoning County, he was born in Boardman Township, May 5, 1853, a son of George and Jane (Stock) Rudge, neither of whom is now living. The father came with his family to Youngstown in 1866, and for several years served as secretary of the Water Works.

For two years after his parents settled in Youngstown, George Rudge, Jr., attended the public schools, and then began life as a wage earner, his first employment having been the wetting of brick used in the construction of Excelsior Blocks. Desirous then of learning the plumber's trade, he served an apprenticeship of two years with Morris & Robinson, after which he entered the employ of George Turner as spike maker, working in most of the Youngstown mills. In 1873 he became clerk for his father, and worked in the office of the Water Works plant for three years. Embarking in the coal industry in 1876, Mr. Rudge also drilled for coal two years, and then secured a position as bookkeeper and shipping clerk at the Ellis Planing Mill, remaining in that capacity from 1880 until 1885. In the latter-named year, Mr. Rudge assisted in organizing the Enterprise Boiler Company, of which he was made treasurer and office manager. This concern was unfortunately burned out in 1910, but, in the meantime Mr. Rudge's sight had become so affected, as the result of an accident that happened to him when he was but five years old, that he was compelled to retire from his position.

Mr. Rudge however, is not idle, being president of the Alliance Fertilizer Company; president of the George Rudge Estate Company; a trustee of the Fresh Air Camp, which he helped establish; a trustee of the Community Service, a successor of the Charity Organization; chairman of Building and Sites Committee of the Youngstown School Board; secretary, treasurer and a director, as well as one of the organizers, of the Austintown Land Company; and is interested in platting and subdividing realty in Austintown Township. He is also life member and trustee of the Youngstown Hospital Association. Mr. Rudge's father, George Rudge, Sr., was likewise a large operator in real estate, having organized the Enterprise Building and Loan Association and the Valley Building and Loan Association in connection with his real estate dealings. During the World war Mr. Rudge was officially connected with the local shipping board.

In 1881 Mr. Rudge was united in marriage with Annie E. Sullivan, of Buffalo, New York, and of their union three children were born, namely: Florence, who died in 1912, was the wife of James McGhan, of Cleveland; Mary, wife of T. A. Walsh, of Youngstown; and Georgiana at home.

James S. Miller. To the minds of the people of Youngstown, the name of Miller at once suggests the thought of delicate confections and toothsome dainties which members of this family have sold for many years at this place. James S. Miller, for years a member of the firm of Miller Brothers, wholesale candy jobbers, and now head of the candy department and vice president of the Hearn-Miller Company, formerly the Hearn-Fithian Company, at Youngstown, was born on a farm near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1878, a son of James S. and Susan A. (Stewart) Miller, the latter a resident of Youngstown. The father, who died in 1894, followed the vocation of stationary engineer for many years, and was connected for a time with the Lowellville Mills.

James S. Miller, the younger, was but an infant when the family moved to Lowellville, and in the district schools of that community he received his educational training. At the age of sixteen years he began to work for John L. Hanna, a grocer of Coitsville, for whom he clerked until 1899, in that year transferring his services to the Baldwin-Kernohan Company, wholesale grocers of Youngstown. Mr. Miller remained as a member of the office force until this concern sold out to John H. Fitch, when he formed a partnership with his brother, Charles D., in the wholesale candy business. This concern prospered for eleven years, when its interests were purchased by the Hearn-Fithian Company, now the Hearn-Miller Company. Mr. Miller is vice president, having special charge of the candy department.

On August 9, 1912, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Clara A. Laeri, of Youngstown, who was born in Switzerland. They have no children. Mr. Miller has various business and fraternal connections, and is one of the popular men of his community, where he has numerous friends.

THE WIRT FAMILY. That period of the nineteenth century embracing the decades between 1800 and 1830 was characterized by the immigration of the pioneer element which made the great State of Ohio very largely what it is today. These immigrants were sturdy, heroic, sincere, and, in the main, upright people, such as constitute the strength of the commonwealth. It scarcely seems probable that in the future another such period can occur, or, indeed, any period when such a solid phalanx of strong-minded, brawny-armed men and noble, self-sacrificing women will take possession of a new country. The period to which reference is made, therefore, cannot be too much or too well emphasized, and the only way to do justice to such a subject is to record the lives of those who led the van of civilization and founded the institutions which today are the pride and boast of a great state and a strong and virile people.

The Wirts were among the earliest families to locate in the Mahoning Valley, and through all the subsequent years have been closely and actively identified with the various phases of the community's development and upbuilding. The first American ancestor arrived in America on the ship Jamaica Galley in the year 1739 and settled near Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. The first of the Wirt family to arrive in the Western Reserve was Peter Wirt, who came from Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was named after his father, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving with the Pennsylvania troops. Peter Wirt setled on what was known as the Wirt farm located at Brier Hill, on that section which commences about five hundred feet east of Jefferson Street in the City of Youngstown and extended thence north along Federal Street to the eastern line of the Tod Farm, and extended also from Federal Street north nearly to Belmont Avenue. Peter Wirt after settling on the land mentioned, and living on the same for a few years, married Margaret Eadaburn, a resident of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Peter Wirt lived out his life in Youngstown, dying at the age of eighty-one, while his wife, Margaret, lived to the age of ninety-five. They reared a family of eight children, the oldest of whom was the late William Wirt, who was born at the old Wirt home at Brier Hill on the 19th day of March, 1826, and died on the first day of February, 1915. He was reared amid the primitive conditions incidental to life in a new country. His chief occupation in his early years was in helping to clear the Wirt farm of its native timber. On January 18, 1849, he married Eliza Jane Sankey, who was also descended from a strong Pennsylvania Revolutionary family.

Eventually William Wirt moved into Youngstown, where he passed practically all his remaining years. In early life he became a carpenter, and subsequently did a contracting business. He was one of those rugged, sterling characters nurtured under the adverse conditions of the times in which he lived, developing into the type of men who made Youngstown famous in its early days. When the town became a city he was elected a member of its first City Council. At that time the streets were not graded, and were poorly lighted. There was no sewerage system, no pavements, conditions partly the result of the lack of authority to make needed improvements; partly because of the fact that previous town authorities feared the criticism involved in imposing taxation for public improvements. Fortunately the council to which William Wirt had been elected was composed of foresighted and courageous men, and comprised some of the city's foremost citizens. The first year the council expended $80,000, a very large amount for those days, for public improvements, and announced a continuation of that policy. Much indignation was expressed by some of the tax payers and a meeting of protest held with a view to stopping what appeared then to be an extravagent expenditure of public funds. The campaign was a strenuous one, though, much to the credit of Youngstown, the old members were re-elected and the policy of improvement continued.

While a carpenter and contractor William Wirt helped in the building of some of the historic landmarks noted in the early history of Youngstown and vicinity. Among these were the old charcoal iron furnace on Mill Creek and the old Eagle furnace at Brier Hill, both of which have, by reason of the kaleidoscopic change which has taken place in the iron and steel business, passed into history.

His activities and varied lines of effort never ceased. He was one of the first to build a house and establish a home on what is known as North Hill, the house being constructed on the site where the Rayen School Annex now stands. In his early years he became a member of what is known as the First Christian Church, now located on Wood Street, being one of the founders of that denomination in Youngstown. William Wirt was a man of extraordinary characteristics, who through years of indefatigable labor and honest effort not only acquired a well merited material prosperity but also richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he was associated.

His wife died September 24, 1881. The fruit of the marriage of William Wirt and Eliza Jane Sankey was one child, Hon. Benjamin F. Wirt, a resident of Youngstown, who was born March 26, 1852, in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, where his parents were temporarily residing while his father was looking after a foundry in which he was interested. However, he was reared in Youngstown, completing his public school studies in the Rayen School. In line with his determination to become a lawyer, he read law in the office of Major L. D. Woodworth, one of the ablest members of the Youngstown bar and a former congressman. In May, 1873, when just past his majority, he commenced the practice of his chosen profession, and for forty-seven years has been in the active practice of the same. For a number of years he was associated with his former preceptor, Major Woodworth, and now is the head of the firm of Wirt & Gunlefinger. His long and useful life has been one of devotion, almost consecration, to his calling, and he merits a place of honor among those who have given their power and talents to community and human welfare development. More than ordinarily successful in his individual career he has never forgotten his obligations to the public, and his support of such measures and movements as make for the general good has always been relied upon.

B. F. Hirt.

June 23, 1881, Mr. Wirt married Mary M. McGeehan. Politically he has been a life long supporter of the republican party. In 1889 he was elected a member of the State Senate and served with conspicuous credit four years, being chairman of several important committees, and a member of a number of others. He was chairman of the Committee of the Whole in passing the code that governs the cities of Ohio. He was author of several bills, some of which were enacted, notably the Lien Laws. Mr. Wirt succeeded Lieutenant-Governor Jones as president of the Federal Savings & Loan Company, a corporation that is one of the strong and influential financial institutions of Youngstown. Mr. Wirt is a member of the Christian Church, and the Order of Elks. He is a man of very pronounced literary leaning, which tendency has led to his acquiring a large collection of books, among which are to be found many choice and rare volumes. His library contains over three thousand volumes and necessarily embraces a wide range of subjects. He is president of Nathan Hale Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and vice president of the National Historical Society, is a member of the Bibliophile Society of Boston and the Bookfellows of Chicago. A man of genial and companionable nature, he has always enjoyed the confidence and good will of the community in which his life has been spent.

Bert G. Daugherty. An instance of small beginnings developing into an enterprise of important proportions is found in the Pollock-Daugherty Company, of Youngstown, manufacturers of cigars. This concern has thrived and flourished under the management of a corps of able officials, among whom is one of its founders, Bert G. Daugherty, its vice president, and a man of progressive spirit and marked enterprise. Mr. Daugherty is a self-made man and a product of the agricultural community of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where his parents and paternal grandparents were born, and where the family has been well and favorably known for many years. Bert G. Daugherty was born April 4, 1876, a son of Hugh A. and Josephine (McBurney) Daugherty, both of whom are now deceased. Hugh A. Daugherty passed his life in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, with the exception of the period of the Civil war, when he fought bravely as a soldier of the Union. The country schools of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, furnished Bert G. Daugherty with his educational training, and a large part of his boyhood and youth was passed in helping his father on the home acres. Eventually he tired of the humdrum life of the farm, and, being inclined toward mercantile affairs, left his home at the age of fourteen years and made his way to Youngstown. Here, at the first application, he secured employment with E. Mittler, who was engaged in the clothing business. He remained with this gentleman until the latter's retirement, in 1899, when Mr. Daugherty joined Sol Weinberger, also a clerk of Mr. Mittler, in the forming of an enterprise for the distributing of cigars. From a small beginning this has developed into a business of significant importance, the officials of the Pollock-Daugherty Company being: Sol Weinberger, president, now deceased, Mr. Pollock succeeding him as president of the company; Bert G. Daugherty, vice president; and Monroe Pollock, treasurer; and Joseph R. Davis, secretary. Mr. Daugherty is well known in business circles, and is vice president and a director of the local Kiwanis Club. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church.

On August 25, 1904, Mr. Daugherty was united in marriage with Alice E. Elton, daughter of George and Lydia (Rodway) Elton, and to this union there has been born one child: Charles Randall, born in 1915.

Stow Family. The early history of Braceville Township, Trumbull County, is largely a record of the Freeman, Lane, Benedict, Allen, Oviatt, Stow, Merwin, Taft and a few other families, most of whom were related by ties of marriage as well as by community relationship.

Comfort Stow, Sr., founder of the family in the Western Reserve, was born at Middletown, Connecticut, June 27, 1762, son of Samuel and Lucretia Stow. When he was a child his parents moved to Litchfield County, Connecticut. In 1776 his father became a teamster for the Revolutionary forces, and Comfort at the age of fourteen also drove an ox team for the Government and continued that service most of the time until 1781. At the surrender of Cornwallis he was doing duty as a private soldier in the State Guards of Connecticut. Thus most of his boyhood and early manhood was spent in the midst of camps, marches and scenes of battle.

September 11, 1783, he married Rachel Goodwin, and they traveled life's road together for about sixty years. She died May 12, 1842, while Comfort Stow, Sr., died July 31, 1853. They were the parents of thirteen children and those surviving childhood were: Betsey who married Ralph Freeman; Lucy who married Aurin Taft; Hervey who married Lucretia Oviatt; Chester who married Cynthia Ward; Norman who married Lucy Humphrey; Miranda who became the wife of John Freeman; Comfort, Jr., who married Emeline Ingraham; Lydia who married Henry Dailey; Mary Ann who became the wife of Lewis Merwin.

It was in 1811 that Comfort Stow brought his family to Ohio and settled in Braceville after a thirty-four days' journey. He soon rallied other members of the community to the task of building a schoolhouse and Congregational Church, and he served the church as deacon until the infirmities of age obliged him to resign.

A brother of Comfort, Sr., was Henry who also settled in Braceville Township, and who has a descendant still living there in the person of Harley Stow.

Hervey Stow, son of Comfort, Sr., died at Braceville in 1875. He was one of the first teachers in the old log schoolhouse of the township, and when a Methodist class was organized in 1816 his name was the first on the list and stood there for fifty years. Hervey Stow was the father of Franklin E. Stow, a man of great prominence in Trumbull County, who held the office of county surveyor, was elected to the Legislature in 1851, laid out and developed a beautiful rural cemetery, gave right of way to the first railroad through Braceville, and

early in the Civil war raised a company and went to the front as captain. He died soon after the battle of Shiloh and was brought home and laid to rest in the cemetery he had established.

Another son of Comfort, Sr., was Chester, who became a farmer at Geneva, Ohio, where he died in 1865, and his sons removed West. Norman Stow died at Braceville in 1834 at the age of thirty-eight, and his son Chester also remained in the community and was the father of Frank Stow still living in Braceville.

The only survivor of the grandchildren of Comfort Stow, Sr., is Wells Merwin of Braceville, where he was born November 17, 1844, son of Lewis and Mary Ann (Stow) Merwin. Mary Ann Merwin was the last survivor of Comfort's children and died December 4, 1883. Her husband died about 1879. He was born at Goshen, Connecticut, in 1804 and was brought to Braceville soon afterwards by his father Fowler Merwin, one of the first settlers of the township. Part of the old Merwin homestead is still owned by Wells Merwin, a mile distant from Braceville. Wells Merwin had four brothers to reach mature years: Erastus, who was a member of the Sixth Ohio Cavalry and died a prisoner of war at Salisbury, North Carolina; Orange, who served in Captain Stow's Company and also died a prisoner at Lebanon, Kentucky; Freeman who spent his life on a farm in Braceville and died when about fifty-five years of age; and Gilbert Merwin who was a soldier under Captain Stow and died at Windham, Ohio, when about seventy years of age.

In 1874 Wells Merwin married Sophronia Humphrey. They had two sons, Alfred of Braceville, and Charles, who is manager and proprietor of the Daily Leader at East Palestine. Charles is a graduate of Mount Union College and was principal of the Newton Falls High schools for a number of years, before going into the newspaper business.

Comfort Stow, Jr., was born May 19, 1802, and died November 28, 1840. In 1829 he married Emeline Ingraham. He left two children, Samuel and Harriet. The later became the wife of Judson Palmiter, who subsequently was editor of a paper at Hart, Michigan, and his widow continued the paper about one year after his death.

Five children were born to Judson and Harriet (Stow) Palmiter: Edwin S., Viola, Minnie E., Bertie R., and Henry J. Viola and Bertie died in infancy. The others lived and married and each raised a family of children. The sons like the father, for quite a number of years followed either the publishing or the editing of newspapers in Hart, Michigan, after which each retired, Edwin moving to Orange, Colorado.

Samuel Stow, son of Comfort, Jr., was born at Braceville June 20, 1830, and died July 21, 1877. He married Harriet Oviatt who was born March 30, 1832, and died July 27, 1911. She was a member of the Oviatt family, being a daughter of Lyman and Lovina Oviatt, who lived on a farm a mile south of Braceville. Samuel Stow and wife had two children, Ida, wife of Wesley W. Parke of West Mecca, Trumbull County, and Orrie C. of Braceville, Ohio.

Four children were born to Wesley W. and Ida (Stow) Parke: Harriet, Julia, Alva and Elmer. Elmer died in infancy. Harriet, wife of Guy Irwin, a farmer of West Mecca, Ohio; Julia, wife of Fred Durst, a farmer of Champion, Ohio; Alva, a farmer, married Edith Millikin; all now reside on farms in West Mecca, Ohio.

Orrie C. Stow was born April 13, 1860, was educated in local schools, and has spent his active career as a farmer.

December 19, 1883, Orrie C. Stow married Louise R. Stolz of Palmyra, Portage County, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Luise (Krause) Stolz. Her parents were born in Wuertemberg, Germany, but were married in Ohio. Her father was a shoemaker at Palmyra where he did a large business in the '60s and '70s, when most of the footwear for young and old was hand made. He died August 4, 1905, when past eighty-one. Her mother died June 20, 1918, at the age of seventy-four. Mrs. Louise Stow was born January 17, 1866. She is the mother of three children: Orrie, a mechanic at Alliance who married Eva Firestone of Marlboro, Ohio; Pauline, wife of Howard Johnson, a merchant at Vernon in Trumbull County; and Ione, a schoolgirl, at home.

Mrs. Pauline Johnson is the mother of one son, Robert M., born February 15, 1919.

James B. Gordon. One of the towns of Eastern Ohio credited with the largest increase in population in the last decade is East Youngstown. Prior to the present century the ground covered by East Youngstown's business houses, homes and factories was largely a farming area, and the central section of the little city was known as the old Gordon Farm, where the family of Gordons have lived for fifty-five years.

Among the first men responsible for laying out and developing the site of East Youngstown is James B. Gordon, who was born at Youngstown in 1858. His father, John Gordon, was born in Holland, was married in that country, and came to America in 1846. The proceeds of the sale of his little farm in Holland he brought with him, but lost his money by trusting too much to some unscrupulous advisers in this country. For four years he worked in a lead factory at Buffalo, New York, where his first wife died. Coming to Ohio in 1850, he found work in the iron furnaces at Lowellville, and came to Youngstown to do similar work. He was injured in a furnace, and being incapacitated for further work along that line he bought in 1864 31½ acres, comprising the old Gordon Farm, now East Youngstown. He was an active farmer the rest of his life, and died February 6, 1883, when about seventy-six years of age.

By his first marriage he had two children, Anthony and Charles. Charles was left behind at Buffalo when the family came to Ohio, and was last heard of by other members of the family when he enlisted in the Civil war. Anthony came to Youngstown and enlisted in the Union army, at first for three months and then for the period of the war. He remained in Youngstown an honored veteran for many years, died here, and his widow, Lennie (Lane) Gordon, also died here.

In 1847 John Gordon married Miss Jane Gertrude Young, a native of Holland, who lived to the age

Jas B Gordon

of eighty-two, July 21, 1902. She survived her husband nearly twenty years ,and James B. Gordon dutifully and faithfully fulfilled the request of his father that he look after his mother, and he gave her all his filial affection to the end of her life and remained a bachelor until a year or so after her death. She was the mother of seven children. William, the oldest, is still living at Marion Heights, near the old homestead. Sarah became the wife of Alexander Treaster and died about 1905, hers being the only death among the children. Henrietta is the widow of Frederick Spanglehour and lives at Youngstown. Elizabeth G., whose husband, S. H. Chapman, was a veteran of the Civil war, lives at New Bedford, Pennsylvania. John A. is a resident of New Bedford. Mary J., of East Youngstown, is the widow of J. S. Maust, who died of the influenza, October 22, 1918.

James B. Gordon, the fourth of the children, had good advantages in the local schools along with his brothers and sisters, and before and after his father's death gave diligent attention to the handling of the home farm, which in earlier years was noted for its ample fruit production. About 1900 James B. Gordon platted a part of the farm for the site of East Youngstown and built two residences. Then in 1901 he sold on a five year contract twenty-nine acres to the East Youngstown Land and Improvement Company. At the end of five years the unsold portion came back to him, and he has since been handling that and other property. By 1918 all of this tract was sold and also what remained of the old home, about 2½ acres, which he had platted in 1912. His own residence is at Marion Heights on the Coitsville- New Bedford Road.

In 1910, to afford his wife relief from the poisonous atmosphere of the valley, Mr. Gordon removed to New Bedford, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years. There he bought a platted addition to the resident section, and sold it out in a body. He then bought the 2½ acres including his present home at East Youngstown. Mr. Gordon has spent practically all his life within five miles of his birthplace.

October 25, 1904, he married Almina A. Snider, a professional nurse in the State Hospital at Warren, Pennsylvania. She died April 14, 1912, leaving one son, James C. On January 1, 1914, Mr. Gordon married Harriet A. Jewell, of Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania. She is an only daughter of James Jewell, who was born in Western Pennsylvania and has spent all his long life of eighty-nine years there.

Mr. Gordon has for many years been one of the leaders in the republican party of his section of Ohio. He has efficiently performed the duties of nearly all the local township offices including that of trustee. He served two terms in that office about fifteen years ago, and after returning from New Bedford was again called to the same responsibilities. He has served as a delegate to county, state and district conventions, is still a party committeeman, and has used his influence for many constructive improvements, especially good roads. Mr. Gordon has been an outdoor man, has taken periodic excursions for fishing and hunting, and enjoys the companionship and friendship of many leading men in this section of Ohio.

Edward Johnston. For several years Edward Johnston had his place among the industrial workers of the Youngstown district, and since then has proved an even greater usefulness to the community in public affairs. He is the present city treasurer of Youngstown, and those who know his official record and his personal character are a unit in praising him as an efficient and popular officer and good citizen.

Mr. Johnston was born in Youngstown September 1, 1886, son of Edward and Martha (McMaster) Johnston. His parents were both natives of the north of Ireland, where they were married, and they came to the United States in 1877. The father was a worker in the iron mills, and was employed in both the upper and lower Carnegie mills as a fireman for a number of years. He and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian Church. The mother is still living at Youngstown, at the age of sixty-eight, and the father died here in 1903, aged fifty-one. They were the parents of nine children, and those still living are: Elizabeth, at home; Martha, wife of David Black; Sarah C., wife of Leonard Baker; Anna, wife of Frank Chapman, of Akron, Ohio; Agnes, wife of Edward Richards; Henry N., of Youngstown; and Edward.

Edward Johnston acquired his early education in the West Side School. At the age of fourteen he was working in the iron mills, and about two years later, when his father died, he became the chief support of the family. His first employment was in the Upper Mills, and later he filled various positions in different mills. Finally he was an engineer in the Ohio Works, but on January 4, 1909, in the performance of his duty, lost his left hand.

In the fall of the same year he had qualified for a new line of service, being elected township clerk. He held that position four years, being the last clerk of Youngstown Township. The township lost its identity when it was merged into the greater City of Youngstown. At that time he became secretary of the City Charities, serving two years, and was then elected city treasurer. Mr. Johnston is now in his second term and has the republican nomination for a third term.

March 31, 1914, he married Miss Bertie Allen, a daughter of John Allen. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Knights of the Maccabees, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Belmont Athletic Association.

Harry M. Stevens. Harry M. Stevens is a cosmopolitan citizen, but for practically thirty years has regarded Niles as his home. His original genius and splendid energy have brought him wealth in numerous ventures, and a large share of it he has invested in Niles and has used his means liberally to promote the welfare of this city. His name is properly associated with the constructive business history of Niles.

He was not born to wealth or position and achieved success by translating ideas into action. Early in life he was a successful book salesman. Many years ago when baseball was coming into its own as a

national pastime, he undertook to supply the "fans" with refreshments. Gradually he secured franchises at scores of ball parks, and his stock in trade consisted of pop, candy, peanuts, popcorn, cigars, score cards. Various cities of the great leagues became his sphere of action.

His untiring energy and restless personality led him into other commercial channels. He became caterer for the big six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1894. Selling peanuts to baseball patrons made him much of his wealth. He was the first to put straws in pop bottles. His activities carried him from coast to coast and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. In all places of amusement his name was a familiar one.

When Mr. Stevens first located at Niles in 1880 he was a mill worker and later removed to Columbus where the idea first came to him of selling score cards to the baseball fans. As he acquired means he invested in Niles property and is one of the largest realty owners in that city.

Harry M. Stevens was born in London, England, June 14, 1855, and was liberally educated in the Repton Private School. He married Mary Wragg of Doncaster and while living at Derby the three oldest children were born, Annie, Harold and Frank. After coming to the United States and locating at Niles in 1880, Mr. Stevens conceived one of his first duties to take out papers as an American citizen. Two of the children were born at Niles, William H. and Joseph B. Of the sons all except William H. are associated with their father in business in New York City. Mr. Stevens has been almost a lifelong member of the Masons and has attained the higher degrees of that order. Mr. Stevens has never aspired to political preferment, but has an unusual inside knowledge of political events and is a republican voter.

Lewis Bossert, an enterprising merchant of Scienceville, near Youngstown, Ohio, a native of Mahoning County, and of a family which has had residence in the county since 1834 or 1835, is a man of strong personality and courageous and useful Christian service. For many years he was a Sunday school superintendent, has been prominent in Christian Endeavor work, representative of an American body at an International Conference in Europe, and for many years a staunch and courageous advocate of temperance and prohibition.

He was born in Springfield Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, May 11, 1861, the son of John and Sally (Welk) Bossert. He still has the company of his mother, who now is ninety-two years old. She was born near Baltimore, Maryland, December 6, 1827, daughter of Anthony and Susan Welk, who in 1834 or 1835 settled in New Middletown. Anthony Welk was a rope maker, and spent the greater part of his life in such occupations, specializing in bed cords and wash lines. He died at New Middletown when about sixty-seven years old. His wife died at about the same age. One of their children, Henry Welk, is still living at New Middletown, where for the greater part of his life he has been in independent mercantile business. John Bossert, father of Lewis, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. He was sixteen years old when he came to the United States with his parents and three brothers and three sisters. About the time of the Mexican war his eldest brother disappeared. It was thought he enlisted and went into Mexico with the United States army, but nothing authentic in confirmation of such a supposition is on record, and he was never afterward heard from. John and Charles Bossert, brothers, eventually settled near New Springfield, Ohio, where John died in 1865, at the age of forty-two years. Charles, however, lived in that place for almost another fifty years, his death not occurring until 1911, when he had reached extreme old age. John Bossert was a skilful shoemaker, and did much work at that trade, making high-grade boots and shoes. About thirty-five years after his death his son Lewis visited the home of his father and ancestors in Wurtemberg, Germany, and in the records of the village of Muehlaker found that there were many entries regarding people of his patronymic. He also found that many of the name lived in the vicinity of that place. Of the children of John and Sally (Welk) Bossert two are still living: Flora, who married E. M. Faust; and Lewis, the subject of this sketch. A brother, Henry, died when sixteen years old.

Lewis was reared in Springfield Township, and in his youth, in fact, until he was nineteen years old, he attended the public schools of that township. As was the custom in agricultural districts in his early days, the country school was closed during the greater part of the growing season, so that his schooling each year represented little more than one term, that of the winter, and during the long vacation each summer he gave his time mainly to the execution of tasks upon the farm. Lewis was only four years old when his father died, and long before he had left school he felt a desire to add by his own efforts to the family income. He brought several small earnings to the family account by work he did upon neighboring farms; and after he left school was for some time connected with the railroad. Soon, however, he took employment as clerk in a Middletown store. In such connection he remained in Middletown for five years, and later was employed in mercantile business in Akron, Ohio. Then followed a long connection with the City of Youngstown and with business houses of that city. For five years he was in the employ of the Adams Express Company at Youngstown, after which he was for three years connected in a clerical capacity with the Council Printing Company of Youngstown, and a further three years he spent as collector. Then followed five years in the office of the Stambaugh-Thompson Company, after which he, to an extent, retired from strenuous labors, or perhaps it would be more in accordance with facts to state that he was then monetarily in a position to follow his natural inclination and move into the country to live, and there to have some connection with agriculture. He then bought the property upon which he has since lived. The property extends along the McGuffy Road for 1,250 feet, and embraces several acres, upon which there is much fruit and where Mr. Bossert has interestedly followed poultry-raising hobbies. In 1916, to further occupy

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his time, Mr. Bossert established the grocery business he has since conducted with good success at Scienceville. In that store he has shown much enterprise and an understanding of the basic principles of businesslike trading. He does an honest business, and his principle of trading effects a saving and an appreciable accommodation to the people of the neighborhood. He is one of the reliable men of Mahoning County, and those who know him well know that in certain traits his personality is strong. In all phases of Christian and church work he has been active for very many years. He is strongly Evangelical, was a Sunday school superintendent for many years in Youngstown, and when, as one of the results of a revival campaign carried through in Youngstown some years ago by the Rev. "Billy" Sunday, the noted evangelist, a church was established at Scienceville, Mr. Bossert being one of its zealous organizers, and since its establishment he has served as treasurer. He has for many years been a prominent advocate of teetotalism, which naturally brought him much into recent political movements, in their relation to the establishment of national prohibition. And he has been one of the leaders of the Christian Endeavor movement, attending the International Convention held in London in 1900 as an American delegate. At that time also he traveled extensively in continental Europe, spent some time at the World's Fair in Paris, visited Switzerland and Germany, giving much thought and observation to the manners and customs of the different European peoples, and such study bringing him to at least not a lesser opinion of the characteristics of the American people. He visited the home of his parents, and saw much that was of family interest in that visit, but he returned to America confirmed in the belief that it is a good place in which to live.

In general political allegiance Mr. Bossert is a republican, but on matters arising out of the much discussed war measure he is first and foremost a prohibitionist. He has taken some part in general politics, and to some extent has entered into connection with civic work in his own community, having served two terms as constable.

Mr. Bossert has been twice married. His first wife, who died childless on May 7, 1912, was Hannah Brenner, daughter of Conrad and Catherine Brenner. Her mother lived in Youngstown, but her father died when she was a child. Mr. Bossert's second marriage was solemnized on February 29, 1916, when he married Jennie Bowman, of New York City. She was a graduate nurse of the Sydenham Hospital, New York City, and duly registered in Albany, New York. The marriage took place at Cambridge Springs, and one child has been born to them, a daughter, Marion Louise, now two years old.

William J. Sampson. It is signally consonant that in this work be incorporated at least a brief resume of the life and labors of William J. Sampson, who not only is, by both inheritance and marriage, connected with the best known families of the Mahoning Valley, but who has long been recognized as one of the leading business men and capitalists of this section of Ohio. Through his loyal efforts, Youngstown and vicinity have reaped lasting benefits, for his public spirit and exceptional business capacity have been directed along lines calculated to be for the general good. A man of forceful individuality and marked initiative power, he has been well equipped for the larger duties of life and for leadership in his community, while his probity of character and his genial personality have gained for him universal esteem and friendship in the section of the state in which he has spent practically his entire life.

The subject's father, John Sampson, who was descended from old Revolutionary war stock, was a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where he was reared to manhood. Upon the discovery of gold on the Pacific Coast, he braved the perils, dangers and privations of the long journey across the plains to California, where he remained for a time. He returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama, but encountered untold hardships on the trip. During his absence, friends and relatives had removed to Trumbull County, Ohio, and here John Sampson also came, locating in Liberty Township, where he engaged in farming, handling live stock, lumbering and coal mining. When Civil war threatened to disrupt the Union, he volunteered his services and rose to the rank of first lieutenant. He married Louisa Tabitha Clark and they became the parents of two children. Mr. Sampson died in 1893, respected by all who knew him.

William J. Sampson was born in Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on December 22, 1871, and there his early boyhood was passed. He received his education in the public and high schools of Youngstown, his parents having moved to this city in order to give their children better educational advantages. When a boy he began buying and selling ponies, which he found a profitable enterprise, and this he continued for a number of years. While thus engaged he also found employment in the Mahoning National Bank, but resigned that position in order to devote his full attention to the coal business, in which he had engaged as an operator. He has successfully prosecuted this line of work to the present time and has gained an enviable reputation as one of the leaders in his line in this district. He is now president of the Witch Hazel Coal Company, one of the old and best known companies in Ohio. He has been notably successful in all his business undertakings, due to his sagacity and discrimination, his business acumen being readily acknowledged by his business associates.

Two noteworthy events have occurred in Mr. Sampson's business career. During the recent World war the relations between coal operators and the Government became somewhat strained, and in order to bring about harmony and a complete understanding, the National Coal Association was organized, and of this Mr. Sampson became a member of the board of directors. This organization not only effected harmony, but was able to give to the public exact information as to the affairs theretofore under discussion. In very recent years a new method of mining coal has been put into operation, which is known as the "stripping" method: that is, by gigantic

machinery the upper strata of earth is removed and the coal is bared for operation. The Tri-State Coal Stripping Association was organized and of this Mr. Sampson was elected president.

Politically, Mr. Sampson is an earnest supporter of the republican party, and for two years was a member of the Youngstown City Council. Aside from his coal interests, he gives support to every means for the advancement of the commercial, civic and moral interests of the city. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a director of the First National Bank and the Dollar Savings and Trust Company. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and, socially, is a member of the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club.

On November 8, 1895, Mr. Sampson was married to Florence Wick, daughter of the late Henry Wick. To this union two children have been born, William J., Jr., and Mary Wick. The beginning of Mr. Sampson's career was characterized by hard work and conscientious endeavor, and he owed his rise to no train of fortunate incidents or fortuitous circumstances. His success is the reward of application of mental qualifications of high order to the affairs of business, the combining of keen perceptions with mental activity that enabled him to grasp the opportunities that presented themselves. This he has done with success and, what is more important, with honor. His integrity has been unassailable and he has ever stood high in the esteem of all with whom he has had relations.

George F. Arrel. It is not always easy to discover and define the hidden forces that have moved a life of ceaseless activity and large professional success; little more can be done than to note the manifestation in the career of the individual under consideration. In view of this fact, the life of the distinguished lawyer, jurist and public-spirited man of affairs whose name appears above offers a striking example of well defined purpose, with the ability to make that purpose subserve not only his own ends but the good of his fellow men as well. Judge Arrel has long held distinctive prestige in a calling which requires for its basis sound mentality and intellectual discipline of a high order, and in his chosen field of endeavor he achieved success such as few attain, his eminent standing among the leading lawyers of Ohio being duly recognized and appreciated not only in Youngstown, the city long honored by his residence, but also throughout the northeastern part of the state.

George F. Arrel was born on his father's farm, about four miles southeast of Poland, Poland Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, on October 1, 1840. His paternal grandfather, John Arrel, Sr., who was born near Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, came to Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1800, bringing with him his wife, who was formerly a Stewart, and two daughters. Six other children were born after their arrival here and all of them grew to maturity. They settled in the backwoods of what is now Poland Township, buying a 200-acre tract from the Connecticut Western Reserve. This land enjoys the distinction of having remained continuously in the possession of this family from that time, being now owned by the subject of this sketch. John Arrel served as a private in the War of 1812, and his father before him, David Arrel, served in the War of the Revolution. John Arrel followed farming pursuits all his life and his death occurred on August 10, 1848. He was one of the founders and first members of the Presbyterian Church at Poland, where a beautiful memorial window in his honor was placed by his grandson, George F. Arrel.

David Arrel, one of the sons of John Arrel, Sr., was born in Poland Township on May 6, 1803, and his death occurred on August 6, 1888. His entire life was passed as a farmer in Mahoning County and there was nothing in his career worthy of special mention. He was a man of sturdy, industrious habits, honest in his relations with others, and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him. He was married to Martha Moore and to their union were born four children, of whom the only survivor is George F., who is also the only survivor of the third generation of the family in Mahoning County.

George F. Arrel was reared on the paternal farmstead and secured his elementary education in the common schools. In September, 1859, he entered the preparatory course at Westminster College, in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, where he completed two years of preparatory work and the four-years' classical course, being graduated in June, 1865, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1913 his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. In the fall of 1865 Mr. Arrel entered the law office of Francis E. Hutchins, at Warren, Ohio, to take up the study of law, remaining there until the following summer. In the fall he entered the law department of Albany Law School at Albany, New York, where he was graduated in the summer of 1867. His classmate and roommate here was William McKinley, the lamented President. On August 20, 1867, Mr. Arrel was admitted to the bar at Canfield, Ohio, and immediately thereafter he again entered the office of Mr. Hutchins in Warren, for further study. On May 11, 1868, he opened an office in the old Excelsior Block, in Youngstown, and began the active practice of his profession. His abilities were quickly recognized and in July, 1870, he was elected city solicitor to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the incumbent, and by re-elections he continued in that office until the spring of 1878. He then resumed his private practice, but two years later in 1880, he was nominated at a special convention called for that purpose as common pleas judge, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ezra B. Taylor, who had been nominated for Congress to succeed James A. Garfield, who had been nominated for President. Judge Arrel was elected and at the regular election was re-elected, serving until February 9, 1887, when he again returned to the practice, in which he continued until July, 1917, when he retired from all active professional pursuits.

As a lawyer, Judge Arrel is well informed in his profession and faithful to his clients and the law. His mind is strong, judicial and well balanced, impartial and just. He possesses a rare equanimity of temper and kindness of heart, which won for him the sincere regard of his associates at the bar. He

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was an honest and fair practitioner, and took no part in the tricks of the pettifogger, which sometimes cast odium upon a profession which should ever be one of truth and honor. His qualifications for the bench were unquestionable, and many of the decisions of the Common Pleas Court bear the impress of his patient investigation and his logical argument and deductions. Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, his career reflects credit upon the judiciary and his career at the bar and on the bench offers both example and inspiration. His character is the positive expression of a strong nature. Well disciplined in mind, maintaining a vantage point from which life presented itself in correct proportions, judicial in his attitude towards both men and measures, simple and unostentatious in his self-respecting, tolerant individuality, such a man could not prove other than a force for good in whatever relation of life he may have been placed.

On October 18, 1876, Judge Arrel was united in marriage with Grace Tod, a daughter of David Tod, governor of Ohio. To them have been born two children: David Tod Arrel, unmarried, of Youngstown, and Frances Maria, the wife of Donald Parson, of Youngstown, and the mother of four children, George Arrel, William, Frances and Donald.

Politically, Judge Arrel has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and during his earlier years took an active part in its activities. While a member of no church organization, he is a firm believer in Christianity, in its broadest sense. He has been a citizen of high civic ideals, and has ever manifested his liberality in connection with measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the locality in which he lives.

Henry Young, of Sharline, Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, has spent the greater part of his life in Youngstown, and has shown very productive and useful enterprise in his development of residential suburbs contiguous to that industrial center. His operations have been extensive, and while they have brought him substantial financial return have also brought much good to the work people of Youngstown in affording them residential opportunities away from, yet convenient to, the throbbing business center in which they spend their workdays.

He was born in Vienna, Trumbull County, Ohio, on August 20, 1871, the son of George Young, who was born in Germany, at Stuttgart, and came to the United States in 1852. Soon afterward he came into Ohio, and for two years labored as a coal miner at Vienna, Trumbull County, Ohio, later being in Michigan for some time, and returning to Vienna for a while, after which he spent two years in Indiana, returning to Ohio and settling at Youngstown about 1885. In that city he lived for twenty years, for the greater part of the time having responsible connection with the Brown-Bonnell mill, in the boiler shop thereof. When about sixty-four years old he retired, and for the remainder of his life lived with his son Henry. He died in 1905, aged sixty-nine years. George Young for the greater part of his life worked industriously and hard. He might have been wealthy had he grasped some of the opportunities that came to him. At one time he might have bought three acres of city land for $3,500, but he then had no idea of how rapidly Youngstown would grow. Had he bought the three acres he could have eventually realized an immense profit on it, for the Stambaugh Building now stands on a portion of the land. George Young was connected in one way and another with coal mining for many years. He worked underground for a while, and later was a surface contractor, hauling railroad trucks to the mines. In 1852 he married at Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, Margaret Bonnacker, who was born in Darmstadt, Germany. She died in Youngstown, aged seventy-two years. Their children, in order of birth, were: Lizzie, who married George Donie, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Martin, who was connected with coal mining at Birmingham, Alabama, when he died; George, who died when twenty-one years old; Isadore, now superintendent of the playgrounds at the Ohio Works, Youngstown, and for many years connected with that company; Daniel, now connected with coal mining in Indiana; Herman, also in the Indiana coal fields; and Henry.

Henry Young spent some of his boyhood at Vienna and part in Indiana, getting part of his public school education in each place. He was about fifteen years old when his parents returned from Indiana and settled in Youngstown and for a while Henry found employment at eighty cents a day hauling sand for John Baysore. He also worked for Charles Pinckney, former chef at the Tod House. With him he was associated in establishing a restaurant, and in that connection had the distinction of serving the first 15 cent meals in Youngstown. Later Henry Young acquired the business, and for about one year thereafter conducted it. He was for three years manager of a hotel business on Phelps Street, and for a further five years was manager for another hotel proprietor, about which time he met Rachel Kulon, who became his wife in 1891. For more than seven years after he had married he was in independent business as a restaurant and saloon owner, his establishment being on Hazel Street, on the site now occupied by the Strauss-Hirshburg Company. He accumulated much capital during those years of successful business, but it was a business that he did not like, and as soon as he saw that he could do so he severed all connection with it. He is a man of strong character, and naturally a man of logical business calculation, and during the last twenty years has made good use of his capital. He bought in 1901 a small farm, about twelve acres, from Frank Medbury. His intention had been to farm the land, but found that it was of little use as a truck farm, in fact, the land was barren and unproductive. But the trolley system was available and with commendable enterprise Mr. Young converted what was a profitless prospect as a truck farm into a very profitable undertaking as a suburban residential section. Within five years he trebled his original investment. After that successful venture he undertook other similar enterprises in real estate and town planning. He bought a tract of three acres near stop three of the car line and there built a fine residence in which he

still resides. Then he bought the Rochow farm of fifty-eight acres at stop twenty-nine, which he cut into lots, having as partner in this undertaking M. J. Roche, of Youngstown. Soon all the lots had been sold and Mr. Young bought the Applegate farm of twenty acres at Thorn Hill Avenue. He cut the estate into small lots and built forty or fifty houses thereon, planning to sell the houses and lots on easy-payment terms. He acquired an adjoining ten acre plot upon which he also built and in course of time sold the whole of the properties. His next venture was in the purchase and development of the forty-seven acres comprised in the D. B. Stearns' farm. He organized a company to exploit the land, and that company, which has an office in the Dollar Bank Building, Youngstown, is now busily engaged in selling lots and in furthering the development of the tract. Next, in partnership with M. A. Gunlefinger, an attorney of Youngstown, Mr. Young purchased 150 acres of land where the race track and Youngstown South Park is located, and his enterprise has developed a fine residential section, his acreage being now practically all taken up by homes of good size. Later he bought the Bianka farm, a tract of garden land at McKinley Heights at stop twenty-three, the farm platting into 900 lots, almost the whole of which have been sold for mill workers' homesites. Then Mr. Young bought the two farms of Frank Mackay on Thorn Hill Avenue, and the development of the estate is now proceeding. He has done much speculative building, especially on the street named Karl, in honor of his son, and more than 200 families are now in possession of their own homes mainly through the business enterprise of Mr. Young and the easy system devised by him for payment for such homes by workpeople who, without such help, would probably still be rent-paying residents in the uncongenial atmosphere of the city. Mr. Young has very many friends among those who have had real estate dealings with him in some of his many enterprises, his transactions generally proving to mutual advantage. He has done well by his land operations, but has also done satisfactorily for the hundreds of people he has sold homes and homesites to. Mr. Young himself has a very fine residence in Sharline, and has taken much interest in the affairs of the township. He is a factor of much influence politically, and has held some of the township offices. He was twice the choice of his party, the democratic, for state representative. For four years he was township trustee, and during that period was instrumental in bringing about a marked improvement in the state of the roads; in fact, during the period more than 200,000 feet of road was constructed. He participated in almost all welfare work, and especially interested himself in educational matters, and his efforts were mainly responsible for the establishment of a good school in the community, which now includes many excellent families and has four grocery stores, a dry goods store, shoe store, hairdressing establishment, two markets and a roofing shop. To Mr. Young's efforts also must be attributed the obtaining of state consent to change of name from Pershingtown to Sharline. It will therefore be quite obvious that Mr. Young is characteristically a man of action and of sound business sense, and that he is also a man of good helpful public spirit. Mr. Young was largely instrumental in obtaining the first postoffice at Sharline in 1920, and, as notary public, the office of swearing in the first postmaster devolved upon him. He also was responsible for dividing the township into voting precincts, making it easier for the people to poll their votes. He has the satisfaction of knowing that directly and principally through his own enterprise, foresight and skilful application to development work there has come into existence a desirable suburban section of Youngstown rapidly developing into a self-contained community, with good school, church and roads. He is with only one exception the oldest resident in the district of Sharline.

Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of three children: Alma May, who became the wife of Prof. G. C. Gast, of Columbus, Ohio. He is professor of languages at the Capital University, and at one time was pastor of the German Lutheran Church at Hubbard. They have two children, both sons, Paul, now four years old and Bobby, four weeks old. Karl Henry was an undergraduate at the Ohio State University when the country was declared to be in a state of war with Germany in 1917, and he held himself in readiness for military service. Eventually he was selected by his draft board, and in due course went into training in an American camp. His superior education and his previous military experience, together with good qualities of leadership eventually gained him admission to the officers' training school at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. He had been lieutenant-colonel of the Cadet Corps at the Ohio State University, and probably would have done well as an army officer had there been need. The Armistice, however, was signed while he was still at the Camp Taylor school, and so he was soon thereafter given honorable discharge from service. He resumed his college course, which ultimately, in 1919, gained him place as graduate with the degree of mechanical engineer. He is now chief engineer of the Rex Motor Car Company, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. Marie Rachel, is a graduate of the Coitsville High School.

Myron H. Eckert. Among the successful business men of Youngstown whose efforts and influence have contributed to the material prosperity and business activity of the community, Myron H. Eckert occupies a conspicuous place. Early in his career he realized the fact that practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails of success; that the greatest results in life are often attained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance, consequently he has applied himself with persevering and indefatigable energy to the pursuit of the business to which he has devoted himself, with the inevitable result that today he is numbered among the leaders in his line in Youngstown.

Myron H. Eckert is a native son of the city in which he now lives, and where he has spent his entire life, and was born here on April 26, 1880. He

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is one of three surviving children of a family of five born to Charles E. and Rebecca (Miller) Eckert, both of whom were born near New Middletown, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, John Eckert, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States when about fourteen years of age.

Myron Eckert is indebted to the public schools of Youngstown for his educational training and at the age of fourteen years he became his father's assistant in the latter's meat market, remaining so employed until the death of the father. In 1898 the subject embarked in the retail grocery business, which he conducted until 1904, when he made a radical change in his business, stepping from behind the grocery counter to an insurance desk. He is now conducting a general insurance agency, handling all lines of insurance, but specializing in life, accident and liability insurance, in which he represents some of the best companies in existence, and at the same time he is agent for an equally responsible line of old-line fire insurance companies. He is peculiarly well adapted to this line of work and has built up a large and profitable clientage throughout the Mahoning Valley.

Fraternally, Mr. Eckert is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and socially is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Automobile Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Eckert was married to Zula T. Conkle, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John Conkle, and they are the parents of two children, Wendell C. and Zola Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert are members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. They move in the best social circles of the city and are popular among their acquaintances. Mr. Eckert has consistently supported every movement calculated to benefit the city or community and, because of his public spirited tendency and his splendid personal qualities he enjoys the universal regard of all who know him.

Russell E. Mason. Since the organization of the Brier Hill Steel Company, one of the men who has been identified with the growth and development of this concern during its remarkable period of advancement, is Russell E. Mason. Mr. Mason came to this concern an experienced and capable man, and his abilities have found opportunity for development in the order and sales departments, with the latter of which he is connected at this time.

Mr. Mason was born at Niles, Ohio, March 19, 1876, His parents, William B. and Mary Elizabeth (Russell) Mason, were agricultural people and the owners of a well-cultivated and valuable property near Niles, where the father still makes his home. He is a veteran of the Civil war, in which he participated as a volunteer in an Ohio Infantry Regiment, and is a brother of Frank H. Mason, who was appointed by President Garfield to a consul-generalship and served under all subsequent presidents until he resigned during President Wilson's first administration. The wife of William B. Mason was a native of Pennsylvania and died Christmas Day, 1917.

Russell E. Mason is one of three children, all living. He was reared on the home farm, adjoining Niles, and in boyhood attended the Niles public schools and assisted his father in the work of the homestead. After completing his preliminary educational training he pursued a course in a commercial college at Youngstown, and with this training, in 1895, when the interurban line was completed to Niles, entered the service of that company in a clerical capacity and continued to be employed by that concern for some nine years. After the second year of his service, Mr. Mason was made paymaster of the line, a place which he held until 1904, and he next entered the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company, at South Sharon, Pennsylvania, being identified therewith until May, 1906.

In that year Mr. Mason returned to Niles, where he was placed in charge of the order department of the Thomas Steel Company, and this connection continued until the organization of the Brier Hill Steel Company, at Youngstown. Mr. Mason has since made his home in this city and has been connected with the office organization of the concern, first as manager of the order department, later in the sales department, and in 1920 was appointed assistant general manager of sales. His offices are located in the Stambaugh Building. Mr. Mason is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, Youngstown Club and Western Star Lodge No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons, is a republican in his political allegiance, and with Mrs. Mason belongs to the Central Christian Church.

Mr. Mason was married in 1906 to Miss Mae Turner, of Mantua, Ohio.

Edward W. Creed, proprietor of the Oaklawn Farm at Coitsville Township, is one of the progressive farmers of Mahoning County, and a member of one of its old-established families. He was born in the Village of Coitsville on May 18, 1876, a son of John Ames Creed.

John Ames Creed was born in England on August 9, 1842, and was brought as a child to the United States by his parents, William and Harriet (Ames) Creed, the former of whom died when his son was nineteen years old, but the latter lived into an extreme old age. They had two children: John A. and his sister, Elizabeth, who became the wife of Ward Kirk.

On July 12, 1866, John A. Creed was married to Caroline Vail, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Gott) Vail. Mrs. Vail was born in Ireland, and her daughter, Mrs. Creed, was born at Poland, Ohio, November 18, 1845, to which place Mr. and Mrs. Vail had come prior to that date. Mrs. Creed was reared at Coitsville, where for some time her father conducted a blacksmithing business and later became a farmer. He died when still a young man, but his wife survived him for a great many years. John A. Creed and his wife became the parents of eleven children, including the following: Susan, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Emma E., who married Frederick C. Brown, man-

ager of the East Federal Street branch of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company, lives at Pleasant Grove, but prior to her marriage was a public school teacher, having been graduated from the Canfield Normal School, and her daughter, Ethel Caroline, was graduated from the high school course in 1919 and is now a student of Oberlin College; Lottie, who married George Haskell, of Ambridge, Pennsylvania; Anna J., who is Mrs. Arthur Welchman, of Warren, Ohio; Edward W., who is on the old farm; Grace, who died in childhood; James J., who lives at Economy, Pennsylvania; George A., who is on a farm at Coitsville; Flora M., who is Mrs. Louis Brownlee, of Coitsville.

During his lifetime John A. Creed was one of the leading members of the Coitsville Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred on February 6, 1909, and in his passing his community lost an excellent citizen, and his family a kind husband and wise father.

Edward W. Creed was five years old when his father moved to the farm now known as the Oaklawn farm, of seventy-eight acres, which is three miles east of Youngstown, one mile west of Coitsville and just north of the Village of East Youngstown, in the Township of Coitsville, and he also owned another farm of sixty-eight acres one-half mile distant, and these he operated together as a dairy farm, delivering milk with wagons to the people of Youngstown. At one time he also conducted a cheese factory and had at least 100 cows, but although this was a successful business he found it still more profitable to concentrate on the production of milk which he retailed. As his sons grew to maturity John A. Creed began breeding with the Hereford strain, importing his bulls, and he exhibited quite extensively at the fairs under the name of J. A. Creed & Sons, his produce securing a fair share of honors. He shipped breeding animals to Kansas and other western states, and as his reputation grew, began to exhibit at state fairs, including those at Trenton, New Jersey, and other eastern states. Edward W. Creed continues the dairy, but is now breeding Holstein cattle, and has about twenty head of thoroughbreds. He carries on his business in a methodical manner, having acquired the fundamentals of commercial operation through a business college course.

In June, 1906, Edward W. Creed was united in marriage with Edna M. Pothour, a daughter of David Pothour of Coitsville. Mrs. Creed died of influenza in 1919, after having been singularly healthy all her life, so that her death seemed all the more sad as it was so unexpected. She left two two children, Dahl P. and Park B. Both Mr. and Mrs. Creed early joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Creed was very active in the work of that denomination at Coitsville, serving it as organist and aiding in its musical features, as she was a fine musician. She was a lady of a beautiful Christian character and is deeply mourned both in the church and outside of it.

George Myron Smith Warren owes much to the aggressive spirit and constructive efforts of George Myron Smith, who is prominent both as a citizen and as a successful real estate operator, and who has given to Warren some of its best residential districts, known under the name of the George M. Smith Allotments. He was born at Middlefield, Geauga County, Ohio, on April 2, 1862, a son of Reuben Z. and Harriet E. (Johnson) Smith, and is a grandson of Russell Smith, the latter of whom was a native of Connecticut, from which state he came to the Western Reserve in 1800, and settled at Burton, Geauga County. The maternal grandfather, Billious K. Johnson, a native of New York State, settled at Burton, Geauga County, Ohio, at a very early date. He married Lucy Hale, daughter of Obed Hale, a member of the old Hale family of Connecticut of which Capt. Nathan Hale was a member. Like that distinguished martyr of the American Revolution, the father of Lucy Hale served in the struggle for American independence, from Connecticut.

Reuben Z. Smith was born in Geauga County, Ohio, in 1824, and died there in 1907. His wife, Harriet E. (Johnson) Smith, was born in the same county in 1830, and died there in 1911. The Smiths and Hales were farming people, and Reuben Z. Smith was reared on the farm. When a young man he worked on the farm owned by Judge Hitchcock, and from that gentleman learned to be a good, practical farmer and business man, these methods enabling him to become later on, a successful agriculturalist. During the war between the states, he espoused the cause of the Union, enlisting as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment raised for 100-day service.

George Myron Smith attended the public schools and the old Western Reserve Seminary at West Farmington, Trumbull County, and then taught school for six years, or until he was married, spending the summers of that period on his father's farm. He began his business career in the manufacture of furniture at West Farmington, and in 1887 he and his brother-in-law, F. A. Milliken, engaged in the retail furniture business at Warren. In 1895 Mr. Smith was offered the managership of the Readsboro Chair Manufacturing Company at Readsboro, Vermont, and accepting it, discharged the duties pertaining to it until 1900, but in that year he became manager of the Saint Albans, Vermont, Furniture Company, where he remained for three years, and then, in 1903, he returned to Warren, and embarked in the real estate business, which he still conducts with very gratifying success. He has developed into one of the largest and most successful realty operators of Warren, and has displayed conspicuous ability in expanding the bounds of the city, and in stimulating its growth. In association with Robert B. Wick and Albert Brown, Mr. Smith opened what is known as the Golf Grounds Allotment of forty acres upon which over 200 houses have been built. Mr. Smith organized the Bolin Heights Land Company and opened the Bolin Heights Allotment between Warren and Niles which is covered with homes. In conjunction with W. A. Smith, he bought land and developed what is now Orchard Court, a fine residential section in the central part of the city. He laid out and developed the George M. Smith

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Allotment of forty acres on Oak and Palmyra streets on the west side of the city; and also the George M. Smith Allotment near the offices of the Trumbull Steel Company on Pine Street, and the George M. Smith Allotment on South Main Street. He has divided a large number of farms and formerly did a large farm land brokerage business in both Trumbull and Mahoning counties.

Mr. Smith married Grace L. Wolcott, a daughter of Orla L. Wolcott of West Farmington, Trumbull County, Ohio. Mr. Wolcott was commissioner of railways and telegraphs of the State of Ohio under the administration of Gov. William Allen; he served as auditor of Trumbull County, and was cashier of the Western Reserve Bank of Warren for many years previous to the time of his death. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith are as follows: Howard Wolcott, and Martha Kibbee, the latter now being Mrs. John C. Hicks of Cleveland, Ohio. Howard Wolcott Smith was educated in the public schools and Wooster University, and after completing his studies, entered newspaper work as reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and later became city editor of the Cleveland Press. During the World war he was a captain in the adjutant-general's department, and at the close of the war in March, 1919, accepted a position as general office manager for Montgomery Ward & Company of Chicago, Illinois. He married Mabel Atterholt of Youngstown, Ohio, and they have one son, Howard Wolcott Smith, Jr.

In all of his realty operations Mr. Smith has been inspired with the idea of providing comfortable, sanitary and modern homes for the people of Warren at reasonable prices, thus encouraging them to invest their money in their own homes rather than to pay rent, knowing full well that nothing gives more stability to a community than an increase of home owners.

JOHN CARLYSLE CRATSLEY. Since he left school in Warren John Carlysle Cratsley has continuously been identified with some phase of the financial life of the city. For about four years he was in the office of city treasurer and then elected county treasurer of Trumbull County, serving four years, and since leaving office he has been secretary-treasurer of the Union Savings & Trust Company.

Mr. Cratsley was born on a farm in Howland Township, Trumbull County, December 2, 1883. His great-grandfather Jacob Cratsley established the family in the Western Reserve of Ohio in 1835, coming here from New York. The journey was made with wagon and ox cart, and from his settlement in Brookfield Township until his death he was identified with farming. John C. Cratsley was born in New York State in 1829 and was six years of age when he came to the Mahoning Valley. He was reared in Brookfield, afterwards moved to Howland, and in 1870 to Warren, where he lived retired for many years until his death at a venerable age on June 24, 1916. He married Mary Love, who died at Warren in 1899.

Albert Buell Cratsley, father of the Warren banker, was born on a farm in Brookfield Township in 1859, and married Lattie H. Hearst, who was born in Braceville Township in 1858. Her parents John and Sarah (Craig) Hearst were natives of Scotland, came to America in 1821, and proceeded directly to Warren by way of Pittsburgh. They acquired a tract of Government land in Braceville Township and lived there until their death. In 1872 Albert B. Cratsley moved to Warren, and at one time was identified with the King Furniture Company, later with the Warren City Tank and Boiler Company, and at present is in the office of the county treasurer.

John Carlysle Cratsley was educated in the public schools of Warren, graduating from the high school with the class of 1902. Since then in a period of eighteen years he has performed a large amount of valuable and gratifying service. From high school he entered the Second National Bank of Warren as bookkeeper and remained with that institution until 1909. He was elected that year on the republican ticket as city treasurer, and was re-elected in 1911, elected in 1913 and re-elected in 1915. Mr. Cratsley in 1917 became secretary and treasurer of the Union Savings & Trust Company, one of the most substantial financial organizations of Trumbull County. At the close of his second term he entered upon his duties as county treasurer, to which he was

He has other interests in a business way at Warren, is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the Rotary Club, the Buckeye Club, the Masonic Club and the Elks Club. In Masonry he is affiliated with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Warren Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Al Koran of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

October 23, 1907, Mr. Cratsley married Miss Carolyn E. Kneeland, daughter of Edward S. and Minnie H. (Harmon) Kneeland. They have one son, Edward Kneeland Cratsley, born September 10, 1914.

WILLIAM M. MCCARTNEY. No more excellent work can be accomplished from a constructive standpoint by anyone than that which is done by those who give to a section a new community. Such an undertaking requires the utmost confidence in the future of a locality, a foresightedness which makes possible the balancing of probabilities, and a keen judgment which allows for accidental occurrences that may have an untoward influence upon the development of the new undertaking. Contrary to a prevalent opinion, few if any new enterprises that reach ultimate success are launched with an utter disregard of surrounding conditions. Many believe that those who reach the highest positions of affluence are those who risk all without due thought as to the outcome, but this is not true. The successful man carefully plans out each step, and knows exactly what the results will be. To do this offhand would not be possible, for it takes ability, knowledge of conditions and far-sighted judgment to so adjust matters as to insure success and avoid failure. The name of McCartney has long been associated with one of the valuable rural properties lying adjacent to East Youngstown, and it is now being more prominently brought before the public in connection with the desirable McCartney addition to this community, which the McCartney brothers are developing under the name of the

McCartney Realty Company, of which James M. McCartney is president and William M. McCartney, manager. The former is a member of the Real Estate Board and the latter a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The birth of William M. McCartney occurred on the farm he is assisting in platting and subdividing November 12, 1866, and on it he was reared. During his youth he attended the Rayen High School of Youngstown, the alma mater of so many of the young people of this region, and then taught school at Thorn Hill, Ohio, for a year. He then entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York, from which he was graduated in 1894 with the degree of civil engineer. Shortly thereafter Mr. McCartney was employed by the Sanitary District of Chicago on the construction of the Drainage Canal, and remained with it for fourteen years, rising to be assistant engineer. He was then employed by different railroads on construction work, and in 1914 his services were secured by the City of Youngstown for the construction of the Milton dam and reservoir, which he completed on December 31, 1917. Mr. McCartney then went with the McDonald plant of the Carnegie Steel Company, and was there until he and his brother became impressed with the importance of the housing problem, and they decided to plat and develop the family farm and make of it an addition to Youngstown. This farm lies on the hill along the Coitsville and McCartney roads, and is well adapted to become a desirable residence district. Several comfortable residences, including that of Mr. McCartney, have already been erected and as soon as the streets are opened and improvements begun, others will speedily follow. Mr. McCartney's house is near the one in which he was born, that now shelters his mother and brother.

While attending the institute at Troy, New York, Mr. McCartney met Miss Carrie A. Jones, whom he later married, and they have one daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth. Mr. McCartney's time has been occupied with his professional duties almost to the exclusion of outside interests, so he has not developed a political or fraternal record, but he is intelligently awake to the importance of civic improvements and glad to support those which are practical. He is a Mason, having gone through the York Rite and is a member of Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The McCartney brothers are associated with others in the development of a summer resort and amusement park at Milton Lake, known as Craig Landing. Title to this property, as shown by the abstract, dates back to a King George grant.

James M. McCartney was born in Coitsville Township. He has lived on the old homestead from boyhood until recently. He was associated with his father in the dairying work, and later carried on the business for himself several years. At present he is president of the McCartney Realty Company and also president of the Craig Beach Realty Company. For a number of years he was president of the East Youngstown School Board, and has always been active in everything pertaining to the good of the community.

He married Laura B. Wilson of Coitsville Township and they had one child, which died in infancy. Mr. McCartney is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Youngstown Real Estate Board.

John Masters, president of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company, and one of the oldest merchants of Warren, was born in Somersetshire, England, on November 3, 1841, a son of Charles and Ann (Stevens) Masters. The family came to the United States in 1856 and that same year located on a farm in Warren Township, Trumbull County, where the parents spent the balance of their days.

John Masters was reared on that farm and attended the district schools. He was still on the home farm when war was declared between the two sections, and he tried to enlist in response to President Lincoln's first call, but was refused on account of his youth. But when the second call came, although then but twenty years old, he volunteered and was accepted, and enlisted in Company C, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years. He served with the Army of the Cumberland and was wounded at Shiloh and again at Chickamauga, both wounds sending him to the hospital, but in both instances he recovered, served out his enlistment and received his honorable discharge.

After the close of the war he returned to the farm, where he remained until 1868 when he embarked in a retail grocery business at Warren. Later he took his brother Enoch H. Masters into partnership, the business then being operated under the caption of Masters Brothers. This concern was incorporated in 1902, with John Masters as president, the name remaining as before. The business so increased that still later the Masters-Dougherty Company was organized to take over and operate the several stores now owned by the new corporation, of which John Masters continued the head until 1914, when he resigned in favor of his brother, Enoch H. Masters, who has since held that office. John Masters was one of the organizers of the Trumbull Building & Loan Association, and has been since identified with it, under its old name and its present one of the Trumbull Savings & Loan Company; he has been its president for some years. He is also a director in the Union Savings & Trust Company, a director in the Trumbull Banking Company of Girard, Ohio, and a director of the Warren Hardware Company. In all of his undertakings Mr. Masters has displayed the same willingness to do good work of all kinds steadfastly, devotedly and thoughtfully, and his progress has been the normal result of righteous business methods.

Mr. Masters is a charter member of Bell-Harman Post No. 36, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has filled the majority of the offices, including those of treasurer and adjutant, and he also belongs to the Warren Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Warren he finds his religious home, and he is serving it very faithfully as trustee.

On October 1, 1868, Mr. Masters was united in marriage with Laura T. Wilson, a daughter of James and Nancy (Welty) Wilson, of Warren

Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. James Wilson was born at Youngstown, Ohio, and his wife was a native of Maryland. Mrs. Masters was born in Warren Township, where her parents both died. Mr. and Mrs. Masters became the parents of the following children: Welty J., who is secretary and treasurer of the Warren Hardware Company, married Nellie Schook; Frederick, who was second in order of birth; Charles H., who is manager of the "Masters" store owned by the Masters-Dougherty Company; Mary B., who married Ralph Lathrop, is now a widow; and Jessie, who is a resident of Washington City, District of Columbia.

Raymond J. Kaylor was born at Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1870. His parents, James J. and Cecelia (Burke) Kaylor, were both descended from colonial stock, the original progenitor in America on his father's side having been Peter Koehler, who came to this country from Germany during the Revolution, and joined the Continental army, serving with credit to the end of the war, and the mother's family having sprung from John Francis Burke, who came to America from Ireland in 1784.

He was reared on a farm, attended the common schools, St. Francis' College and St. Vincent's College, graduating from the latter institution. He learned the trade of a printer, purchased a small paper at Hastings, Pennsylvania, and edited this for five years, serving as postmaster at the same time. In 1898 he established a county-seat weekly at Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, conducting this until 1903, when he became associated with others in the establishment of a morning paper at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, which he edited for seven years. In 1910, having disposed of his interests at Johnstown, he became editor and general manager of an afternoon paper at Altoona, Pennsylvania, continuing in this capacity until the publication was sold and then, in 1914, becoming industrial editor of the Youngstown Telegram. In 1915 he became manager of publicity for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. With his wife, who was Ellen Francis Adams, of Carrolltown, Pennsylvania, and their three children, Gordon M., Madeline F. and Catharine Elizabeth, he resides at 781 Bryson Street, Youngstown.

Charles R. Holeton, Sr. While the people of Niles know Charles R. Holeton, Sr., chiefly as a steady, reliable merchant, a good business man and equally good citizen, his life has been in fact one of more than ordinary variety and interspersed with many experiences such as satisfy men of adventurous disposition. He was a Union soldier during the Civil war and as a cowboy he saw much of the old West during its days of romance and adventure.

Mr. Holeton was born at Poland, Mahoning County, Ohio, September 19, 1845. His father, Richard S. Holeton, a native of New Jersey, was a millwright by trade. As a young man he came West and was identified with the pioneer communities of the Western Reserve. For a time he worked at Vienna, but as there was not steady occupation for a millwright he also secured employment in a clock factory. The clocks made at this factory were altogether of wood, even wooden wheels. Later moving to Poland, he married Mary A. Miller, and from there went to Detroit, where he remained until about 1836. Then returning to Poland, he remained in that community for a number of years, and about 1858 went to work for James Ward at Niles. The family did not take up their residence at Niles until about 1860. Richard S. Holeton continued to make Niles his home and was one of the early councilmen of the city. He was active in politics, a capable speaker and a man of much influence. He died January 30, 1870, and his widow, on June 20, 1884. Of their eight children only four are now living. They were members of the Methodist Church.

Charles R. Holeton, Sr., who was the sixth among the eight children, grew up at Poland, attended the Union School there, and attended school one winter after going to Niles, and was also a student of Mary McKinley, sister of President McKinley, when she taught school at Struthers. He was apprenticed as a wagon maker, and was offered $75 and board for the three years. The apprenticeship was never finished, since the Civil war had begun, and in May, 1862, Mr. Holeton enlisted in Company D of the Eighty-Eighth Ohio Infantry. He was trained at Camp Chase, was at Gallipolis for a time, and then in the Kanawha Valley of West Virginia. He had enlisted for three months, and served four months, and with the expiration of that term he re-enlisted in Company A of the Eighty-Sixth Ohio Infantry, composed mostly of Youngstown recruits. From Camp Chase they were detailed almost immediately to check Morgan's raid through Ohio. Mr. Holeton participated in the capture of that enterprising southern general. He was also in some of the operations in Kentucky and was with the troops that took Cumberland Gap, returning thence to Lexington with 3,000 prisoners. He again marched back to Cumberland Gap, and soon afterward his term of enlistment of eight months expired and he was discharged in February, 1864. Subsequently when the Home Guards were called out he served with that organization 100 days, and was ordered into Kentucky again for the purpose of checking Morgan. At Cynthiana on June 11, 1864, he was one of the Federal troops captured, but after a few days they were paroled and that ended his military career. Mr. Holeton was the youngest of four brothers who were Union soldiers.

After going back to Niles he soon went West to Missouri, and for about twenty months was employed at Moselle, that state, operating an engine in a charcoal furnace for Joseph A. Brown & Company of Youngstown. From Missouri Mr. Holeton went on to Kansas, and there began his experience as a cowboy. He helped trail a number of herds of cattle from Fort Hays to Abilene, and he rode the range for several years and was on many famous cattle trails both north and southwest. His work as a cowboy took him to Montana, where he helped drive a bunch of cattle, being over four months en route. Nearly all the district over which he worked and rode was then the domain of the cattle outfits, their only rivals being the herds of buffalo and the wild Indians.

From the northwest Mr. Holeton went on to St. Paul and soon returned to Niles. Once more in Eastern Ohio, he took up the work of carpenter, and in the fall of 1871 again left home and for nearly

two years had an active experience in the lumber woods of Wisconsin. He then resumed his carpenter work at Niles until 1875, and for thirteen years and two months was with the Erie Railroad Company as carpenter foreman and bridge inspector. Mr. Holeton then bought a half interest in a furniture store at Niles, and that business has given him his chief occupation ever since. He is a republican and a Methodist, and for about twelve years past has served as trustee of Weathersfield Township. In 1880 he married Clara M. Hardman. They are the parents of five children: Don J., who has been associated with his father since 1902; Iona, wife of Claude Thomas; May, wife of Wilbur Mines; Charles R.; and Nellie, assistant librarian of the McKinley Memorial Library. The son, Charles R., was a first lieutenant and brevet captain in Company H of the Three Hundred and Thirty-First Regiment, and has to his credit twenty-one months of service with the colors. For eight months of that time he was with his regiment in France. After completing his military service he took a course at the Cincinnati Embalming School. The father has turned his interest in the furniture and undertaking business over to his sons, both of whom are licensed embalmers. At the time of his retirement he had been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business for a period of thirty years.

David Hammond Stewart since 1916 has been a retired resident of Struthers, but is still interested with his two brothers in the ownership of a farm half a mile east of Poland Village. Mr. Stewart had a distinctive place in Mahoning County agriculture and for years was widely known as "the peach man," having developed a large part of his farm as a peach orchard. At one time he had 700 bearing trees. Due to his skill and constant care the industry proved a profitable one until a comparatively recent date, when as a result of the establishment and increase of the big industrial plants, the atmosphere became so polluted with smoke and gasses that peach trees suffered the blight which has afflicted much other vegetable growth in this industrial district.

Mr. Stewart represents the fifth generation of his branch of the Stewart family in America. His recorded ancestry runs back to John Stewart, a Scotch covenanter who for religious reasons fled from Scotland to County Down, Ireland in 1665. He died in 1720. His son Robert was born at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1665, and died in Ireland in 1730. The next generation was represented by Samuel, who was born near Glasgow in 1698, and in 1735 with his brother Hugh came to America and settled in a Scotch-Irish colony in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where Samuel Stewart died in 1770. Robert Stewart, son of Samuel, was born in Ireland in 1732 and about 1765 moved to Adams County, Pennsylvania. He married a cousin, Sarah Stewart, and died in Adams County in 1811.

James Stewart, a son of Robert and Sarah Stewart, was born in Pennsylvania, October 27, 1768, and in 1802, with his brother John, came to Mahoning County and each bought 374 acres in Coitsville Township. He settled on this land with his family in 1803, and in the midst of the woods built a log cabin, which was still standing more than a century later. He was twice married. His first wife was a cousin, Jean Smiley, who died in Coitsville Township. She was the mother of six children. His second wife was Jean Buchanan, who died in 1871.

Alexander Stewart was the thirteenth child of James Stewart and was born in Coitsville Township, September 3, 1825. He married Mary Hammond, daughter of John and Margaret (Neilson) Hammond. They lived on the old Stewart farm in Coitsville Township until 1863, when they sold that property and moved to Poland, where Alexander Stewart died December 14, 1903.

Mrs. Mary Hammond Stewart was born March 1, 1830, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and is now living at the home of her youngest son, W. H. Stewart, of Poland. Although in her nintieth year she is still active and takes an interest in all family and home affairs.

David Hammond Stewart was born at Thorn Hill in Coitsville Township, in the house built by his grandfather, James Stewart, and was about a year old when his parents moved to Poland Township. He grew up on the farm now occupied by his brother James and was educated in the public schools of Poland and the Poland Union Seminary. Apart from his successful labors as a horticulturist Mr. Stewart has always manifested a keen interest in the welfare of his community. In politics he is a stanch republican and for many years has been a prominent member and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church at Struthers. This church now has about 600 members, and its edifice was erected in 1914. Mr. Stewart served as a delegate to the general assembly of the church at Loveland, Colorado, in 1915.

June 30, 1886, Mr. Stewart married Sarah Frances Giesy, daughter of Jacob H. and Julia Ann (Wolf) Giesy. Mrs. Stewart was reared and educated in Fairfield County, Ohio. She died at the old home June 23, 1914. Mrs. Stewart took a very keen interest in the annals and records of the Stewart family, and was a diligent collaborator with H. T. Stewart and Miss Alice Caroline Stewart in preparing the exhaustive Stewart genealogy which was published in 1900. For many years she kept up with the various changes in the family relationship. In 1905 she acted as a delegate to the National Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church, at Albany, Oregon, and while in the Northwest she accidentally met a Mrs. Stewart, a representative of a branch of the Stewart family of Mahoning County which she had made a strenuous effort to trace. This chance acquaintance gave her much valuable assistance and many facts that appear in the published Stewart genealogy. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart had two daughters, Bertha Minetta and Mary Edna, the former born January 25, 1889, and the latter January 5, 1893. The former was liberally educated in the Poland Seminary and Poland High School, in Wilmington College in Pennsylvania, and was first married to Edward Arkwright and is now the wife of A. E. Williams of Struthers. The second daughter, Mary Edna, was married on September 30, 1916, to James Morgan.

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She was a graduate of the Poland High School and worked with the charity organizations in Youngstown with Mr. J. M. Hanson for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan live at Youngstown and he is secretary and treasurer of the Campbell Brothers Company there. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have one daughter, Mary Edna, born February 23, 1919. Mrs. Morgan is secretary of the Stewart Family Reunion, which takes place the last Wednesday in each August, and serves as a means of bringing together the large direct and collateral representatives of the Stewart descendants in the line briefly traced above.

Henry C. Davis, who is superintendent of the Thomas and Empire Works of the Brier Hill Steel Company at Niles, has had a personal career that offers an inspiration for those who begin life on a humble plane and must depend upon their own energies and ambitions to rise in the world.

Mr. Davis, who at one time was a boy helper in a coal mine in the Mahoning Valley, was born at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, July 14, 1867. His father, John Davis, was a native of Wales, and as he grew to manhood learned the trade of tailor. He married Mary Harris. Both of them had relatives in the United States, and in 1865 they also came to this country, locating first at Niles and then moving to Mineral Ridge. John Davis followed his trade as a tailor until his death in 1868. His widow subsequently became the wife of Abel Williams and lived until July, 1916.

The only child of his parents, Henry C. Davis lived at Mineral Ridge to the age of nineteen. He had only brief and limited opportunities to attend the public schools, and between the age of eleven and twelve he was employed as a helper to his stepfather in the coal mines. Thereafter his work was in and around the coal mines of that district until past the age of eighteen, when he sought something better and became a puddler's helper in the old Brown-Bonnell plant at Youngstown. For over thirty years he has been actively identified with various iron and steel industries of the Mahoning Valley. After two and a half years at Youngstown he moved to Niles, worked for the old Falcon Iron and Nail Company, at first as a puddler's helper, then as a puddler, and with the completion of the tin mill in 1892 became screw boy in the latter plant, then catcher and finally rougher. In April, 1905, returning to Niles, Mr. Davis became timekeeper and yard clerk for the Niles Iron and Steel Company, subsequently the Thomas Steel Company. In 1907 he became superintendent of the hot mill department, and when the plant was merged with the Brier Hill Steel Company in 1912 he remained with the larger organization as general superintendent of the works. In January, 1916, additional responsibilities were given him as superintendent of the Empire Works in the same corporation. Thus for several years past he has had the arduous duties of directing a large force of workmen and in two of the leading plants at Niles.

In 1889 he married Miss Margaret Edwards, a daughter of Edward G. Edwards, an old time resident of Mineral Ridge. They have two children, Myron E. and Josephine. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Christian Church.

The son Myron had an interesting military experience. He was an orderly sergeant in the Ordnance Department of the American Expeditionary Forces and saw some active duty along the Moselle River. In April, 1919, by permission of the United States Government, he was permitted to enter Oxford University, England, while still in the uniform of an American soldier. In June, 1919, he was granted an honorable discharge, and after returning to the United States entered for his final year the Harvard Law School.

John Howard Rosensteel, who for a number of years past has been successfully engaged at Niles in the general insurance, fidelity and surety bond business, is also active in local affairs, is present city treasurer, and has identified himself with a number of movements looking toward the general progress of this community.

Mr. Rosensteel was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on the banks of the Ohio River, opposite Neville's Station, December 16, 1877. His father was the late Jacob S. Rosensteel, who spent his last years in Niles. He was a Pennsylvanian by birth and a blacksmith by trade, and made an honorable record as a Union soldier during the Civil war. Jacob S. Rosensteel enlisted January 6, 1862, and was honorably discharged from that enlistment January 31, 1864, at camp near Stroudsburg, Virginia. He reenlisted February 1, 1864, and was finally discharged at Pittsburgh, June 26, 1865. He was a member of Battery F, known as Hampton's Battery, an organization still kept up. This was a part of the Pennsylvania Light Artillery. As a private Jacob Rosensteel saw active service at Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Cedar Creek, second battle of Bull Run, second battle of Winchester, Antietam, Sulphur Springs and Mine Run and in many minor engagements. About twenty years after the close of the war, in 1885, he moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, and bought a farm including a grist and saw mill. The grist mill was operated by water power and with stone buhrs for grinding. As an institution it was widely known in that locality as Gaston's Mill. He operated the farm and mill for about eight years, when he returned to Pennsylvania and located at New Brighton, and in 1895 removed to Niles. In this city he had charge of the forging department of the Niles Mine and Mill Supply Company during its existence, and afterwards was with the Niles Forge & Manufacturing Company in the same capacity, and was so employed at the time of his death. For about two years he was similarly engaged at Caldwell, but was a resident of Niles upwards of twenty years and died in that city in April, 1914. His first wife was Mary Glancy, who left him a son and daughter. By his second marriage with Margaret C. Black he had one son, John Howard.

John Howard Rosensteel has been making his own way in the world since he was about sixteen years of age. Most of his education was acquired in the public schools of Columbiana County and at New Brighton, Pennsylvania. His early ambitions led him to the study of dentistry, but the confining nature

of that profession did not appeal to him. While visiting his parents at Niles he found employment with the Niles Fire Brick Company, and remained with that concern for seven and a half years. For about four years following he was employed in a clerical capacity in the W. A. Thomas Sheet Mill. Mr. Rosensteel has been engaged in his present business since 1911.

He was elected city treasurer of Niles in 1915 and is now serving his third term in that office. For several years he was secretary of the old Niles Board of Trade, is a present member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, and during the World war, 1917-18, served as chairman of the Niles City Food Administration Committee. He is a member of the Christian Church.

September 4, 1901, he married Miss Evelyn A. Harris, daughter of Henry J. Harris, of Niles, and a granddaughter of James Harris, who built one of the first sheet mills in Niles.

Otis E. Hawk. Improvement and progress may well be said to form the keynote of the character of Otis E. Hawk, a well-known business man of Youngstown and one of the Mahoning Valley's representative citizens. He has not only been interested in the advancement of individual affairs, but his influence has been felt in a very definite way in the upbuilding of the community now honored by his citizenship. The prosperity which he enjoys is the legitimate result of energy rightly applied and has been won by commendable qualities.

Otis E. Hawk, who has been actively identified with the business interests of Youngstown since 1903, was born on June 18, 1881, on what is now a part of Kansas City, Missouri. He is a son of Adam and Margaret (Wilkinson) Hawk, who when he was about two years of age moved to West Virginia, where both parents died. The father, who was a man of splendid qualities of character, was an officer in the Union army during the Civil war. Otis E. Hawk was reared to manhood in West Virginia, and received his educational training in the public schools, being a graduate of the high school at Ravenswood. At the age of eighteen years he became an agent for life insurance and subsequently engaged in the real estate business at East Liverpool and Columbus, Ohio. He was fairly successful in his efforts, but not being entirely satisfied as to location he canvassed practically all sections of the Middle West. In 1903 he located in Youngstown, Ohio, with which city he has ever since been identified. Possessed of keen foresight, he had a vision of a larger Youngstown and accordingly made judicious purchases of land, buying extensive tracts of eligible building lots. The great demand for homes among the working classes led to his embarking in the building of homes on his land, disposing of the properties on the partial payment plan. The scheme proved so practical and popular that the business rapidly grew to dimensions that rendered it expedient to buy a lumber yard, which not only supplied his own requirements, but also became an enterprise of public accommodation. Finally the Iron City Lumber Company, organized in 1911, became the progenitor of the Union Wholesale Lumber Company, organized in 1916, and which is now doing an annual business of over $3,000,000. W. H. Palmer at this time became a partner in the business and O. E. Hawk & Company became the Hawk-Palmer Company. Mr. Hawk is president of the Hawk-Palmer Company and the Iron City Lumber Company and is a director of the Union Wholesale Lumber Company. He was the pioneer in this locality in the selling of homes on the monthly-payment plan, and his efforts in that line have probably contributed more than any other one thing to the civic and municipal welfare of Youngstown. He has built and sold over 3,000 homes, and it is noteworthy that of the buyers of these homes over 90 per cent still retain their homes. Because of his extensive experience and splendid success in the housing proposition Mr. Hawk was requested to give the American Red Cross the benefit of his knowledge and experience, and he served at Washington, D. C., without pay, from June 1, 1918, to February 1, 1919. He is a member of the Youngstown Real Estate Board, the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the Youngstown Rotary Club.

Mr. Hawk was married in June 12, 1912, to Myrtle D. Young, whose parents were pioneer settlers of Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. Hawk have an adopted daughter, Elizabeth. Although straight-forward and unostentatious, and a man who delights in keeping the even tenor of his way so far as is consistent with good citizenship, he has made his influence felt among those with whom he has mingled, and because of his genuine worth and kindly disposition he is well liked by all who know him.

John L. McDermott is one of the well known citizens of Niles and of Trumbull County, has played a prominent part in politics for a decade, and is a successful contractor.

Mr. McDermott was born at Niles, October 12, 1872. His father, the late Charles McDermott, was born in County Cavan, Ireland. He lived in Ireland until 1860 and then and always was an ardent Irish patriot, was deeply impressed by the hardships and bitter experiences of his life in that country, with its political and other limitations, and it was to escape these conditions that he immigrated to America. Partly due to his father's influence John L. McDermott, though a native American, and proud of the fact, has always been deeply concerned with Ireland's welfare and is an incorrigible believer in the strength and validity of Ireland's cause for liberty.

Charles McDermott was an iron maker by trade. On coming to this country he located at Philadelphia, and soon afterward enlisted in the United States Navy. He gave three years and eight months of devoted service to the Union cause and was assigned to the ship of war Worcester. After his honorable discharge he worked in the iron mills of Phoenix for a time, and toward the close of 1866 came to Niles, Ohio. For many years he was an employe of the old Ward mill and the old Falcon Iron & Nail Company as a puddler, and died in Niles honored and respected in 1900. He was a Catholic. He married Anna McClain, who died in November, 1919.

John L. McDermott, one of eleven children and

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born at Niles, October 12, 1872, has spent his life in his native city and acquired his education in public and parochial schools. He was partly earning his own way as a newsboy at the age of fourteen. He first became prominent in politics when he was elected at the age of twenty-six city auditor, and filled that post for three successive terms. Following that Mr. McDermott was a retail clothing and shoe merchant at Niles until 1908. In that year he was again called into public affairs by election as county clerk of Trumbull County. He served two terms of two years each. In 1912 he was elected to represent Mahoning and Trumbull counties in the State Senate. As a member of the Senate he was on the judiciary and finance committees, and was chairman of the temperance committee.

During the past several years Mr. McDermott has maintained a large organization for the handling of contracts, chiefly in road building. He is a member of the firm of McDermott & Hannon. Mr. McDermott is a republican, is a Catholic, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Niles Chamber of Commerce. In 1900 he married Miss Minnie Callinan, of Niles, daughter of Edward and Ellen (Hogan) Callinan. Their five children are named John L., Jr., Frank E., Helen M., Margaret Mary and Anna.

THOMAS O. CLINGAN, M. D. Thirty-five years of usefulness as a physician and surgeon and as a good citizen lend special dignity to the career of Dr. Thomas O. Clingan at Niles.

The Clingans have been known and respected in this section of Eastern Ohio for considerably more than a century. Doctor Clingan's grandfather, William Clingan, and his great-grandfather, Thomas Clingan, were natives of the north of Ireland. When William was five years of age the family came to America and located on a farm in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, near the Ohio border. They were prominent among the many Scotch-Irish in that locality and Thomas Clingan by many years of persistent and energetic labor reclaimed a farm from the rugged wilderness of Western Pennsylvania. Most of his descendants have followed farming. Some of them moved across the state line into what is now Trumbull and Mahoning counties, Ohio.

Dr. Thomas O. Clingan was born at Coitsville, Mahoning County, January 23, 1852. His father, Edward Meredith Clingan, was born in Trumbull County in 1824, and at the age of twenty-seven followed the family occupation of farming. He then bought a saw mill, and moved it out to Belle Plaine, Minnesota. He was in Minnesota during pioneer days, when that territory was out on the northwestern frontier. At the beginning of the Civil war occurred a great Indian uprising, involving the massacre of hundreds of people and the destruction of many homes. Among the points attacked was Mankato, twelve miles from Belle Plaine, whither many refugees gathered for protection. On account of these unsettled conditions Edward M. Clingan returned East, abandoning what was a profitable and promising business in the handling of grain and livestock. He was the pioneer in the sheep industry of Minnesota. In the fall of 1863 he returned to Hubbard, Ohio, and later moved to Poland in order to educate his children in the noted Poland Seminary. He continued a sheep buyer, and drove a number of flocks through to Chicago, though he also shipped by rail. Upon the discovery of oil he went to Pennsylvania and bought lands on Oil Creek, mapped them, and going to eastern cities sold his properties at a big profit. During one of these trips he contracted a severe cold, and his death in 1867 was the direct result. He married Elizabeth Miles.

Dr. Thomas O. Clingan, one of five children, three of whom are still living, was well educated in local schools, graduated in the classical course from Westminister College in Western Pennsylvania in 1880, and then took up the study of medicine. He completed his course and received his degree in 1884 from the Cleveland Homeopathic Hospital College. After a brief practice in Lucerne, Pennsylvania, he located at Niles in 1885 and has been diligently engaged in the routine of a private practice ever since. He is a member of the Hahnemann Medical and the County, State and National societies. He is a Knight Templar Mason, a republican and a member of the Trumbull Country Club.

September 19, 1888, Doctor Clingan married Margaret Thomas, daughter of John R. Thomas of Niles. They have four children: Margaret, wife of George Wick; Elizabeth, Mrs. John Hosack; John R., who was a sergeant in the Aviation Department during the World war, but was unable to get overseas; and Thomas Omar.

EDWARD D. THOMPSON. Though not yet forty, Mr. Thompson has given twenty-three years to the iron and steel industry, chiefly in sales departments of some of the well known organizations of the Middle West. He has been a resident of Niles since January, 1912, and is vice president and general manager of the Stevens Metal Products Company of that city.

Mr. Thompson was born at the old Town of Wyandotte, Kansas, now incorporated in Kansas City, Kansas. His birth occurred September 3, 1881, and he is a son of George and Nellie (Freeman) Thompson. His father has spent his active life as a contractor and is now living at New York City.

Edward D. Thompson lived in a number of localities where his father was in business, including Blair, Nebraska, Fort Sill, then in Indian Territory, Minneapolis and Chicago. Practically all his common school education was acquired in Chicago. At the age of seventeen he became office boy for Joseph T. Ryerson & Son at Chicago, one of the old and prominent firms of steel manufacturers in the Middle West. He learned the steel business there and went through the various grades of service until he was made city sales manager, and finally traveling salesman. On leaving the Ryerson Company he became a manufacturers' agent for steel products on his own responsibility. Some of the goods he handled were the products of the DeForest Sheet and Tin Plate Company of Niles. This led to his removal to the city in 1912, and he became resident sales manager for the corporation. When the DeForest interests organized a subsidiary company known as the Metal Post & Culvert Company, Mr. Thompson became vice president, and gave most of his time to the

duties of that position until July, 1916. At that date he became associated with W. H. Stevens in the organization of the Stevens Metal Products Company, and has been vice president and manager of the company throughout the four years of its steadily growing business and prosperity.

Mr. Thompson is a member of the Niles Club, the Warren Country Club, the Niles Chamber of Commerce, is a republican voter and a member of the Episcopal Church. October 18, 1906, he married Elsa Hirt, of Chicago. Their two children are Dorothy Evelyn and Edward D., Jr.

James E. Parker. The true measure of individual success is determined by what one has accomplished, and, as taken in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, there is particular interest attaching to the review of the subject of this sketch, since he is a native son of Youngstown, where his entire life has been passed, and has so directed his ability and efforts as to gain recognition as one of the worthy citizens of the community. When a boy he set to work to overcome all difficulties that might lay in his path to success, and the high standing which he now enjoys is the result. Earnest labor, unabating perseverance and a laudable ambition are the elements by which he has ascended the steeps.

James E. Parker, secretary of the Brier Hill Steel Company, is a son of William Parker, who was born in Wales in 1843. The latter was brought to the United States by his parents, Evan and Anna Parker, about the year 1851. They first located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whence they eventually came to Youngstown, where Evan Parker purchased one of the first farms sold in the east end of town. He applied himself closely to the operation of this farm until he retired from active life, his death occurring about 1891. His son William Parker grew to manhood in Youngstown and attended the public schools. He was employed in a coal mine, farmed and worked as a puddler for the old Mahoning Valley Iron Company. During the Civil war he enlisted in the defense of his country in the 100-day service. He was an industrious, law-abiding man and stood for all that was best in American citizenship. He died on March 4, 1907, and is survived by his widow. To these worthy parents were born the following children: Anna, who died in infancy; Thomas L., now district paymaster for the Carnegie Steel Company; J. Howard, cashier of the First National Bank of Youngstown; James E., the immediate subject of this sketch; and Sarah L.

James E. Parker was born in Youngstown on March 29, 1876, and received his educational training in the public school, graduating from the Rayen High School. When twenty years of age he became a messenger for H. N. Donaldson, superintendent of the Mahoning Division of the Erie Railroad. Later he became night ticket agent for the Erie Railroad in Youngstown and then became chief clerk of the division engineer of that road. He then entered the employ of the Ohio Steel Company in a clerical capacity, and some time later became a bookkeeper for the old Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, being thus engaged and as auditor and purchasing agent until 1912. At that time the Brier Hill Steel Company was formed, and of this Mr. Parker became secretary, a position which he has continued to occupy to the present time.

Politically Mr. Parker is a republican and in religion is a member of the Congregational Church. He takes a keen interest in the general welfare of the city and is a stanch supporter of all worthy public movements.

Mr. Parker was married on November 20, 1900, to Anna J. Lloyd, the daughter of William D. Lloyd, and to them have been born two daughters, Anna Florence and Margaret Elizabeth. Personally Mr. Parker possesses those qualities which commend a man to the good opinion of his fellows, and he is eminently deserving of their confidence and esteem.

Frank H. Mason, who died at Paris, France, on the morning of June 21, 1916, was a distinguished American by the length and quality of his service, and his record reflects special credit upon his native city of Niles, and the community which he always regarded as his home.

He was born at Niles, March 24, 1840, oldest son of Dean Edson and Bertha Minerva (Holcomb) Mason. His only living brother is William B. Mason of Niles. His early life was spent around his native city, and at the beginning of the Civil war he was a student in Hiram College. He soon left his studies to join Company A of the Forty-Second Ohio Infantry, his regimental commander being James A. Garfield, honored both as the president of Hiram College and president of the United States. During the siege of Vicksburg he was promoted to captain in the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry. For six months he endured the hardships and privations of Libby Prison.

At the close of the war he entered journalism, and for several years was editor of the Cleveland Leader.

In 1880 he was appointed Consul at Basle, Switzerland, and from that time until the close of his life, was continuously in the diplomatic service of his nation. He took with him into that service an unusual equipment, and accepted his responsibilities as something more than a matter of routine. The four years he spent at Basle resulted in some distinct improvements in the consulate service. While there he detected some frauds in undervaluation and his reports became the basis for some important changes in the management of the consular office. Such was the character of his services that political changes at home never affected his tenure.

In 1884 he was made consul at Marseilles and from 1889 to 1899 was consul general at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and was consul general at Berlin from 1899 to 1905. While in Berlin he was in personal touch with the Emperor and other prominent leaders of the German Government. From March 6, 1905, he served as consul general at Paris until the beginning of the World war.

It would be difficult to explain all the good he accomplished for his country in these various offices. He was a journalist by profession, and he put a certain fire and directness into his consular reports that made them widely read and served to make their recommendations effective. The report he sent

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out from Marseilles during the cholera epidemic served a great purpose in bringing relief to the city. While in Frankfort he became the advance agent for American trade with Germany, and both at Berlin and Paris he was an invaluable member of the commission to establish new commercial agreements with the United States.

At the beginning of the World war Mr. Mason retired from the consular service with the hope of gaining a well deserved rest. That desire was not granted. In August, 1914, when the American Ambulance Committee was formed, Captain Mason, who in the meantime had returned to the United States, became interested in raising funds for the Allies. At that time he visited his brother, William B. Mason, at their old boyhood home in Niles, and then expressed his views that the United States would sooner or later be drawn into the conflict. He soon went back to Paris as chairman of the American Ambulance Committee, and then began the most strenuous period of his life. He saw the work of the American ambulance grow from 200 to 600 beds at Neuilly, and the Motor Ambulance Transport Service from a few motors used at the battle of the Marne to a superb unit working all along the French front. His associates testified to his enthusiasm, energy and optimism and his wonderful executive ability. In a peculiarly vital way the moving spirit of the American ambulance was Capt. Frank Mason. It took his life, it is his monument.

His invaluable assistant was his devoted wife. Within a year of his passing she too joined him in the world beyond, as did also a son who was the American consul at Algiers.

September 26, 1866, Captain Mason married Jenny (Van Wyck) Birchard. Their happy life together covered half a century. They were the parents of two sons, Dean Birchard, deceased, and Dr. Francis P., a consulting engineering at Chicago.

From the viewpoint of the Government to which he was accredited, Captain Mason was regarded as the best the United States had to give in the way of an American gentleman. The American Government regarded him equally high, considering him one of the ablest men it could send to serve its citizens abroad and look after the business and humanity of our international relations.

CARTER C. MCCONNELL. Since he was a boy of fifteen Carter C. McConnell's services and experiences have been almost altogether in banking and financial institutions. He represents some of the worthy pioneer families of Eastern Ohio, and in his individual career has exemplified their characteristics of honesty and forceful capability.

Mr. McConnell, who is secretary of the McKinley Savings and Loan Association at Niles, was born December 25, 1884, in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County. The farm of his parents stood on the present site of the Empire Mill. His grandfather was William C. McConnell, one of the early farmers and stock dealers of Trumbull County. Mr. McConnell is a son of Charles and Jennie (Campbell) McConnell. His father spent his early life as an Ohio farmer, also lived for a few years in Southern Kansas, and on returning to Ohio located at Niles, where he is now employed in the galvanizing department of the Empire Mills of the Brier Hill Steel Company.

One of a family of nine children, Carter C. McConnell has spent most of his life in or near Niles, attending the Evansville public schools. At the age of fifteen he entered the First National Bank of Niles as collector, and was with that one institution for several years, being promoted eventually to teller. On leaving it he was for three years cashier of the First National Bank of Rock Creek in Ashtabula County, and for six years was assistant receiver of National Banks under the Federal Government. These duties took him to many parts of the country and brought him an intimate knowledge of banking conditions and the banking business in general.

Mr. McConnell in 1915 became assistant secretary and treasurer of the Dollar Savings Bank Company at Niles. He resigned upon the organization of the McKinley Savings & Loan Association and has since been secretary of that institution. He is also a stockholder in the Stevens Metal Products Company, the Niles Fuel and Supply Company and the Electric Alloy Steel Company.

Mr. McConnell is a director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Niles Club, is a Royal Arch Mason, a republican in politics, and a member of the First Christian Church of Niles. September 2, 1907, he married Miss Mollie G. Owen, daughter of Evan E. and Catherine (Jones) Owen, of Mineral Ridge, Ohio. They have two children: William Carter and Robert Owen.

CHARLES CROW was a professional ball player for a number of years and first became known in the Mahoning Valley through his exploits on the diamond. For many years he has regarded Niles as his home city, was formerly a merchant there, and is the present mayor of the city.

Mr. Crow was born at Coal Center, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1872, son of Solomon P. and Sarah Augusta (Stewart) Crow. His early boyhood was spent at Coal Center and Webster, and he was a boy worker in the mines of Coal Center. Another early experience was as cabin boy on coal boats. He also worked for a time in the steel mills at Homestead.

While he had serious work to do even as a small boy he was passionately fond of athletic sports and played his first semi-professional ball at Webster and at California, Pennsylvania. He was fully transferred to the professional class at Charleroi. The manager of the Charleroi team at that time was John K. Tener, afterwards governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Crow after playing with several other teams came to Niles in 1896 as pitcher for the local organization. He finished the season at New Philadelphia. He then played in the old Interstate League with the team representing Springfield, Ohio, then with the Port Huron team in the Michigan League, played at Guelph, Ontario, in the Ontario League; and was a member of the London team of the International League until 1899, when he returned to Ohio and joined the Youngstown organization in the old Youngstown League, playing out the remainder of the season and the season of 1900. The following season he played with the Little Rock team in the Southern

League, and that practically ended his professional career, though he frequently was drawn into the old game on special occasions. Mr. Crow at one time also managed the Sharon team of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League and later managed the Youngstown team in the same league, and was manager of the Niles team in a notable season when the interests of the fans all over this part of the state was centered in the contest between Niles and Youngstown.

Mr. Crow became a retail boot and shoe merchant of Niles about 1908, and was active in business until 1917, when he sold out. He was elected mayor of the city in 1915, and has been re-elected in 1917 and 1919. He has given Niles a splendid administration of its municipal affairs. During the World war in addition to the routine duties of his office he served as chairman of the Fuel Committee for Trumbull County, was chairman of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee, a member of the Food Committee, and was also employed in secret service work. He gave freely of his time and talents to the Government in that trying period and received frequent commendations for his services.

On Christmas Day, 1899, Mr. Crow married Ruth S. McGaughey, a daughter of William and Mary (Cleland) McGaughey. Her father was a prominent member of the Niles bar. Two children have been born to their marriage: Mary Geraldine and John Charles, their familiar names among their associates being "Jerry" and "Jack." The family are members of the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Crow is affiliated with the Niles Club, the Elks Club of Warren, the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men.

William Edwards Manning, vice president and general manager of sales for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, is one of the most prominent figures in the industrial life of Youngstown. He was born at Youngstown on March 14, 1870, his father being Dr. John Manning and his grandfather, Dr. Henry Manning, both names highly honored in the professional history of the city. Dr. Henry Manning was not only the leading physician of his time in the Mahoning Valley, but he was also deeply interested in the industrial progress of the community and did much to advance its business and social progress.

William E. Manning attended the common schools in Youngstown and graduated from the Rayen High School in 1888. He then entered the works of Brown, Bonnell & Company in a clerical position, from which he was rapidly advanced until when the plant was purchased by the Republic Iron & Steel Company he was placed in charge of the order department. On the organization of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company Mr. Manning became first assistant to the manager of sales for this company, his connection with this concern having been continuous since shortly after its organization. In 1913 Mr. Manning was elected secretary of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, and was also elected a vice president of the company at its annual meeting in 1917. His long experience and extensive acquaintance make him one of the leading figures among the men who direct the sales organizations of the steel industry in this country, and his unusual executive ability has enabled him to build for his company an organization which has a wide reputation and has contributed greatly to its unusual success. Mr. Manning is a man of rare personal qualities and his broad culture and understanding make him highly popular in a large circle of acquaintances. In addition to his official duties with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company he is also president of the Continental Supply Company and the Youngstown Steel Products Company, subsidiary corporations forming a part of the parent company's extensive sales organization. He is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Duquesne Club, the American Iron & Steel Institute, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and other social and business organizations. July 13, 1920, he was elected president of the Youngstown Young Men's Christian Association. He is a republican and attends the Episcopal Church.

In 1914 Mr. Manning was married to Alma Resch, of Youngstown. They have had two children, Helen Anne; and William Edwards, Jr., who died December 17, 1919.

Sarah Gaston Frack, M. D. A pioneer woman in the medical profession of Eastern Ohio, Doctor Frack has been engaged in the work of her profession at Niles for twenty-three years. She studied medicine at a time when few women had the courage and independence to select that as a profession, and at all points she has held her own with her professional brethren.

Sarah Gaston was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Arthur B. and Hannah J. (McMaster) Gaston. In the paternal line she is of French ancestry, while the McMasters were Scotch. She is one of five children, and three of them became successful physicians.

Her early life was spent at Meadville, and in 1891 she received the Bachelor of Science degree from the Edinboro State Normal School in Pennsylvania. She also attended Allegheny College at Meadville, and for one year was a student of music at Oberlin College. She began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Susan F. Rose, a pioneer woman physician of Meadville. After a year she entered the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, now the Homeopathic Department of the Ohio State University. She graduated in 1895, and for two years before coming to Niles was associated in practice with her former preceptor, Doctor Rose, at Meadville.

She is a member of the Trumbull County and Ohio State Medical Societies, the American Medical Association, and the American Institute of Homeopathy. In November, 1905, she became the wife of Evan M. Frack of Niles.

Henry F. Rider left school to become a mill worker at Niles, and some years later from what he was able to earn and save from his skill and labor he invested in a mercantile business, and has since developed one of the leading establishments of its kind.

Mr. Rider, whose store is at 142 Vienna Avenue

William E. Manning

in Niles, has lived in this city nearly all his life, though he was born in Baltimore, Maryland, May 15, 1860. His parents, George and Margaret (Sandman) Rider, came from Germany when young people, were married in Baltimore, and moved to Ohio about the beginning of the Civil war. George Rider did his first work in America in an iron plant at Baltimore. In 1856 he voted for Buchanan for president. Beginning in 1860 and until the close of his life he was an ardent and stanch republican. For a time he walked six miles from home to chop wood at 50 cents a day, this having been during Buchanan's time. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in the Union army in the 196th Ohio Infantry, and with the close of his military service he spent many years in the Ward Mill and the Andrews plant at Niles. Most of the time he was labor foreman in the coal supply department. He and his wife were active Presbyterians. Their children numbered six: John, a resident of Niles; Henry F.; Rosa, who lives in Cleveland; Leonard, manager of the Christ Diebels grocery and meat establishment at Niles; George, a grocer who died at Niles in 1910; and Lizzie, who died at the age of thirty-two, the wife of Elmer Gifford.

Henry F. Rider received his early education in the old Central School at Niles. He left there to go to work in the sheet metal department of the Russia Mill, and after that was employed in several local plants until 1905. In that year he used his capital to open a stock of general merchandise at 142 Vienna Avenue, and for fifteen years has seen his trade steadily increase at that location. Mr. Rider is a good business man and also is identified with the substantial interests of his home community. He has always voted as a republican, and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. In past years he was an elder in the church, and has also served on the Board of Trustees.

In 1889 Mr. Rider married Miss Lizzie Stein, daughter of Jacob and Fredericka Stein. To their marriage were born three children: Howard, Miss Clyde, and Myrtle, who died at the age of twenty-eight. Howard Rider, grandson of a Union soldier, was in the World War, and spent a year with the Expeditionary Forces in France and Germany.

Frank J. Kearney in early life learned a mechanical trade and for years was an employe of industrial concerns, but eventually retiring entered the furniture and undertaking business at Niles, and has developed a most complete and adequate service as a funeral director.

Mr. Kearney, who had three sons in the great war, one of whom gave up his life for the country, was born in Toronto, Canada, June 5, 1864, son of Thomas and Mary (Keenen) Kearney. His parents were Canadians, and when their son Frank was a boy they came to the United States and settled at Corry, Pennsylvania. The father was a carpenter and builder, specializing in heavy ship building and dock work. He died at Corry at the age of fifty-six and his wife at fifty-four.

Frank J. Kearney, third among ten children, grew up and received his education in Corry and Jamestown, Pennsylvania, leaving school at the age of seventeen. He learned the boilermaker and machinist's trades with Lynch Brothers in Corry. After completing his apprenticeship he was employed by the Standard Oil Company, building tanks and standpipes, a business that took him to all parts of the United States. Later he acquired a more settled home as an employe of the Warren Boiler Works, and first came to Niles an an employe of the McKinley plant.

Leaving his trade Mr. Kearney formed a partnership with M. J. Flaherty in the furniture and undertaking business. In order to handle the new business more adequately he took a course in embalming and since the death of Mr. Flaherty has continued in business on his own account. He has ambulances, a complete motor equipment, a private funeral chapel, and all the appointments for a perfect service. Mr. Kearney is a member of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, is a Knight of Columbus, and he and his family are members of St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

In 1888 he married Miss Agnes McCauley, member of an old and prominent family of Niles. Eleven children were born to their marriage. There are five sons. James A., an ex-service man who was a sergeant at Camp Jackson, now lives at Warren. Thomas, who was trained at Camp Sherman, is an associate with his father in business. The son Frank, who was trained at Camp Sherman and Camp Gordon, went overseas from Camp Merritt as company clerk and sergeant in Company E of the Eleventh Regiment, Fifth Division, and lost his life during the St. Mihiel drive. The two younger sons are Paul, a resident of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Joseph, still in school.

Joseph W. Jobe is active head of the Niles hardware house of J. W. Jobe & Company, and has been pursuing a diligent and progressive business career in the Mahoning Valley for many years.

He was born February 10, 1872, in one of a row of houses that stood near the James Ward Mill. His parents, Daniel and Sarah (Gunter) Jobe, were natives of Wales and immediately after their marriage in 1867 came to the United States. Daniel Jobe for many years was regarded as one of the most expert heaters in the mills of the Mahoning Valley. He was employed in that capacity in the Ward Mill, and after it quit business was with the Russia Mill and the Falcon Company. He died in 1898, at the age of sixty-five. His widow survived until 1914, when she was seventy-eight years of age. They were people of wholesome character and of high standing in their community, and were constant attendants of the Welsh Congregational Church. Of their seven children five are still living, John E., a machinist in San Francisco; Lewis S., who owns a bluegrass farm at Springfield and raises high grade cattle; Dan, connected with the Trumbull Steel Company at Warren; Joseph W.; Hattie M., wife of L. L. Hill, of Warren; Annie who died at the age of fifty; the wife of H. G. Max of Warren; and Sarah, who died at the age of fifty-three, the wife of H. W. Miller, of Springfield.

Joseph W. Jobe acquired a good education in the public schools of Niles, and from school served an

apprenticeship as a baker in the establishment of H. W. Miller. His early knowledge of the hardware business was acquired as clerk for J. W. Eaton for six years. For three years he was manager of the F. L. Head business, and after another period, associated with S. O. Manchester at Niles, he removed to Ashland, Kentucky, and for five years was secretary of the Southern Sheet & Tin Plate Company. Upon returning to Niles Mr. Jobe organized the Main Hardware Company, acting as president, but three years later, in 1918, started the J. W. Jobe & Company, and now has his son associated with him as a partner. This is one of the leading hardware establishments in Trumbull County, and Mr. Jobe has the satisfaction of having seen his affairs steadily prosper from year to year. He is also a director of the Home Savings & Loan Company.

In 1894 he married Miss Mattie A. Brice, who was born at Cleveland in 1873, a daughter of Mrs. Flora Brice. Mr. and Mrs. Jobe have two children, Herbert L. and Martha. The latter is still in school. Herbert graduated from the Niles High School, was a member of the Students Army Training Corps at Hiram College, and since the war has been in business with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Jobe are members of the Christian Church, and he has served as a deacon for seventeen years. He is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner, and is affiliated with the republican party.

James W. Deetrick. There could be no more comprehensive history written of a city or county, or even of a state and its people, than that which deals with the life work of those who by their own endeavor and indomitable energy have placed themselves where they well deserve the title of "progressive," and in this sketch will be found the record of one who has outstripped many less active and less able plodders on the highway of life, one who has not been subdued by the obstacles and failures that come to everyone, but who has made them stepping stones to higher things. At the same time that he has been winning his way in the material affairs of life he has also so ordered his actions as to win the honor and respect of all who know him because of his sterling qualities of character.

James W. Deetrick was born in the Village of Brownsville, Butler County, Pennsylvania, on November 10, 1870, being one of two children born to John and Elizabeth M. (Park) Deetrick. In both paternal and maternal lines the subject is descended from old colonial stock. John Deetrick was an able and successful physician and surgeon who moved to Youngstown in 1882 and here practiced his profession until 1894, when his death occurred.

James W. Deetrick was about twelve years of age when the family came to Youngstown, and he secured his education in the public schools, graduating from the Rayen High School. Since leaving school practically his entire life has been spent in connection with the iron industry in the Mahoning Valley. His first employment was with the old Youngstown Steel Company (now the Brier Hill Steel Company) in 1889, as a chemist in the laboratory. In 1894 he became a chemist in the employ of the Ohio Steel Works of the Carnegie Company, and three years later became chemist for the Mahoning Valley Iron Company. He was made superintendent of the Hannah Blast Furnace of the Mahoning Valley Iron Company when it was absorbed by the Republic Iron and Steel Company in May, 1899, and since that time has filled various positions with that company, at the present time being vice president, in charge of operations. With a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the iron industry in all its details, he is well qualified for any position he might be required to fill.

In 1897 Mr. Deetrick was married to Mildred C. Ward, of Niles, Ohio, the daughter of James D. Ward, and they are the parents of two children, Alice E. and John W.

Mr.. Deetrick is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Free and Accepted Masons, the American Iron and Steel Institute, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the Youngstown Society of Engineers, and the American Society for Testing Materials. Politically he gives his support to the republican party. Strong and forceful in his relations with his fellow men, he has not only made his presence felt, but has also gained the good will and commendation of both his associates and the general public, ever retaining his reputation among men for integrity and high character, no matter how trying the circumstances, and never losing that dignity which is the birthright of the true gentleman.

John Dunstan began his career at Niles after leaving school as a mill worker, but more than a quarter of a century ago made a fortunate choice in line with his special inclinations, and with a capital that would hardly buy today a suit of clothes entered the floral and greenhouse business. Having a genius and love for plant life, and possessing also an executive turn, he has seen his affairs prosper and his establishment grow to one of large dimensions. The Dunstan floral greenhouses and plant are on Girard Street in Niles, and are one of the most prosperous establishments of the kind in the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Dunstan was born in Cornwall, England, August 24, 1861, and came to Ohio when a boy. His parents were Thomas and Jane (Solomon) Dunstan. His father was an English farmer and also a contractor for the purchase of timber for shipbuilding purposes. He brought his family to Niles in 1872, and here turned his attention to market gardening. For many years he supplied vegetables and truck to the cities of the Mahoning Valley. He lived to be eighty-one years of age, passing away in 1911. The mother died in 1900, at the age of fifty-nine. They were members of the Episcopal Church. Of the five children the two now living are John and Bessie, the latter the widow of George Rider, who was a Niles merchant. The three children now deceased were: George, a grocer, who died of hydrophobia at the age of forty-eight, after being bitten by a mad dog; Mary, who died at the age of forty-six, the wife of Thomas Marshall; and Ellen, who was born in 1859 and died in 1918, the wife of Walter Biddleston.

J. W. Dietrich

Clarence N. Riegel

John Dunstan attended school in Cornwall, and from the age of eleven was a pupil in the schools of Niles when L. L. Campbell was superintendent. On leaving school he found employment in the Russia Mill, working on the shears and in other capacities, and developed a high degree of skill as a mill man. He was connected with some of the leading industries of Niles for twelve years. Mr. Dunstan helped the firm of Hippards build the Youngstown greenhouses on Logan Avenue, and after seeing that plant completed he determined to engage in business for himself. That was in 1892, and his initial capital was only fifty dollars. He has been in business ever since, and has more and more specialized in bedding plants.

At Youngstown Mr. Dunstan married Emma Hartenstein, a native of Lima, Ohio. She died a year later, leaving one son, Lloyd, now a resident of Youngstown. For his present wife Mr. Dunstan married Vernie Kisner, daughter of Albert Kisner of Holland. They have three children. Albert served fourteen months on the battle lines in France in the Signal Service, and is now employed in the Thomas Mills at Niles. The daughter, Mary, is the wife of Elmer Krebs, of Cleveland. Glen B. was a sergeant of infantry in training at Camp Taylor during the war. Mr. Dunstan is one of the busy men of Niles, but he also finds time to participate in various public and civic enterprises. He is a republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Edward R. Edwards. For half a century or more the Edwards family have been prominently identified with the building and contracting business in the Mahoning Valley. Edward R. Edwards and his brother Harry have an organization that has carried out a large part of the building program in the Youngstown District in recent years, particularly the building of homes of the better class for the thousands of prosperous families who have been added to the population of this section.

Edward R. Edwards was born May 25, 1872, and is a son of Edward R. and Ellen (Siddell) Edwards. His mother's family have a historic place in the Mahoning Valley. They occupied the first house built in the village of Mineral Ridge in 1842. This was a log structure. Isaac Siddell is credited with having erected the second grist mill in the Mahoning Valley, at Ellsworth.

Edward R. Edwards, Sr., was a native of Wales, and was brought from that country at the age of nine years. He grew up in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, where he married for his first wife Elizabeth Davis. Two years later he came to the Mahoning Valley. His intention was to locate in Cleveland, but instead he established his home at Weathersford. During the Civil war he served three years and six months with the Twentieth Ohio Battalion. He was in many battles and nearly lost his life in the battle "above the clouds" at Lookout Mountain. An artillery wagon on which he was riding was thrown over a cliff and his life was saved by his lodging in a tree. After the war he engaged in the contracting business and erected some of the first industrial plants in the valley. He was associated with Jonathan Warner, Sr., in erecting the first furnace at Mineral Ridge. He also built the schoolhouse of that town. He was a republican and was a very active member of the Presbyterian Church. After the death of his first wife he married Ellen Siddell, and they made their home at Mineral Ridge. Edward, Sr., died in 1916, at the age of eighty-seven. His second wife died in 1910, at the age of seventy-six. The children of his first marriage were: Minnie, wife of Courtney Thompson, of Youngstown; John Edwards, of Youngstown; and Martha, who died in 1895, the wife of E. E. Humes. The three sons of Mrs. Ellen Siddell Edwards are R. C. Edwards, who is a builder and dealer in homes in San Francisco; Harry E. and Edward R., Jr.

Edward R. Edwards, Jr., was superintendent of construction for the Building Committee during the erection of the McKinley Memorial at Niles. He was well equipped by early training and natural qualifications for his present business, and he and his brother have a large volume of work to their credit. They built the plant of the Western Reserve Steel Company at Warren for C. G. Thomas, and also built the Mahoning Valley Steel Company plant, the Niles Car Manufacturing Company plant and the Knox Pressed Weld Steel Company plant at Wheatland, Ohio. Besides industrial construction, they built in 1919 houses at Youngstown to the value of $200,000. These are all brick homes, and were rapidly sold. The firm also erected twenty homes at Niles.

Mr. Edwards married in 1901 Katie Bird, daughter of Emanuel Bird of Pittsburgh. They have three daughters, Catherine, Sarah Estelle and Mary Bird. Mr. Edwards is a republican, and he and his family are Presbyterians.

Clarence Harlan Riegel, vice president and general manager of the Ohio Corrugating Company of Warren, has been identified with the industrial affairs of the Mahoning Valley for over twenty years, during which time he has progressed from apprentice to executive.

He was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, on August 23, 1878, the son of Elias and Arvilla (Smith) Riegel. The Riegel family is of Pennsylvania origin, but has been in Ohio for five generations. Benjamin Riegel, grandfather of Clarence H., was born on a farm in Jackson County, Ohio. Elias, father of Clarence H., was born in Jackson, Ohio, in 1854. He was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Portsmouth for a number of years, removed to Niles in 1882, and thereafter was engaged in the mercantile business at Hazleton, Pennsylvania. He died at Youngstown in November, 1916. He married Arvilla Smith, who was born in New York State. Her father, John M. Smith, was the promoter of the first County Fair ever held in Ohio, the fair having been held at Middlebury, now East Akron, Ohio.

With the exception of his first four years Clarence H. Riegel has spent his entire life in the Mahoning Valley. He was educated at Rayen High School at Youngstown, and at the age of seventeen he became an apprentice in John O. Pew's roofing shop at

Hazleton, Pennsylvania. In 1900 he was placed in charge of the finishing department of the Niles plant of the Empire Iron and Steel Company. When the De Forest Sheet and Tin Plate Company was organized at Niles in 1907, Mr. Riegel was made superintendent of the finishing department of that plant, and so continued until 1914, when he resigned to join the organization of the Ohio Corrugating Company at Warren as vice president and general manager.

In 1902 Mr. Riegel was united in marriage with Mary Ellen, daughter of Griffith R. and Francis Jones, of Brookfield, Ohio, and to their marriage three children have been born: Francis Arvilla, Myron Warner and Dorothy May.

Mr. Riegel is a member of Mahoning Lodge No. 394, Free and Accepted Masons of Niles, and of Niles Lodge No. 138, Knights of Pythias.

Moses Thamer Knappenberger, M. D., came to Warren early in 1917. His particular talents and skill as a surgeon were just beginning to be recognized and appreciated by the community when the World war broke out, and for nearly two years he was performing an arduous service in the medical department of the army, both in this country and abroad.

Doctor Knappenberger was born at Jeannette, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1892, son of George W. and Annie E. (Sensenich) Knappenberger. His parents are natives of Pennsylvania and are still living in that state. Doctor Knappenberger graduated from the Jeannette High School in 1911 and took his medical work in the Ohio State University, graduating with the class of 1915. For one year, June 1, 1915, to June 1, 1916, he was an interne at the Medical and Surgical Hospital at Pittsburgh. From June 1, 1916, to January 1, 1917, he was a student of surgery in the New York Post-Graduate School and Polyclinic. On leaving New York he came to Warren and entered the practice of surgery.

He enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps May 5, 1917, and on the 1st of September was ordered to report for duty at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. At that time he had a commission as first lieutenant. After two months of intensive training at Fort Oglethorpe he was ordered to Hoboken, New Jersey, and two weeks later went on board the U. S. S. Iroquois, crossing to St. Nazaire, France. He was on duty there until February 5, 1918, when ordered to return to the United States with an assignment for duty on the staff of the surgeon general of the army. Arriving in New York City, February 22, 1918, he again sailed for France April 3rd for the purpose of making arrangements for the embarkation of sick and wounded at General Headquarters. April 17th, just two weeks later, he sailed from Bordeaux and reached Newport News April 27th. At that date he was transferred to the offices of the division surgeon. July 11th he again sailed for France, on a mission similar to his previous one, and remained until November 9th. At that date he sailed for this country. In July, 1918, he was promoted to captain of the Medical Corps. On his last return he was appointed director of hospital trains, and given entire charge of the sick and wounded from the port of embarkation to the base and general hospitals over all the territory of the United States and possessions. He continued as director of hospital trains until June 1, 1919, by which time practically all of the sick and wounded had been returned to the United States. His last duties were in the nature of an inspection tour of all the base and general hospitals in the United States, a trip requiring six weeks. During that time he was commissioned major of the Medical Corps.

Doctor Knappenberger was honorably discharged July 1, 1919, and in his discharge was recommended for a commission as lieutenant colonel in the Medical Reserve Corps. Prior to his discharge he was recommended for a "distinguished service medal" based on services rendered in the transportation of sick and wounded. Doctor Knappenberger therefore made three round trips between this country and France, and especially distinguished himself in administrative work.

Upon his release from the army in 1919 he returned to Warren and resumed practice. Since then he has been appointed chief medical examiner for the United States Public Health Service, and has professional oversight of all disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in his district whose injuries were received while in the army. Doctor Knappenberger is a member of the Trumbull County and Ohio State Medical societies, and is affiliated with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Warren Lodge of Elks.

Louis John Voyer, secretary and general sales manager of the Ohio Corrugating Company of Warren, was born at West Hoboken, New Jersey, September 27, 1886, son of Louis C. and Barbara M. (Ehrhardt) Voyer. His paternal grandparents, Jean Louis and Uriane Voyer, were born and married in France and after coming to this country lived for a short time in Pennsylvania, afterward at Buffalo, New York, and finally at Washington City, where Jean Louis Voyer was in Government service. He and his wife spent their last years at West Hoboken, New Jersey. Louis C. Voyer was born at Buffalo, New York, in 1856, and for many years was engaged in business in New York City as an importer of ostrich feathers and plumes. He and his wife are now living at Warren. His wife was born in New York City in 1861 and her father, John L. Ehrhardt, was a native of Germany.

Louis John Voyer graduated from the West Hoboken High School in 1903. His business career began in the same year as an employe of the sales department of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company of New York City. He was sent to Pittsburgh by that corporation for about one year, and later for twelve years was with the same company in the Philadelphia offices. On January 1, 1918, Mr. Voyer became general manager of sales for the Liberty Steel Company at Warren, Ohio. This company was absorbed by the Trumbull Steel Company in June, 1919, and at that time Mr. Voyer joined the Ohio Corrugating Company as secretary and general manager of sales.

Mr. Voyer is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the Manufacturers Club of Phila-

M. I. Knappenberger

delphia, and the Trumbull Country Club of Warren. He is a member of St. Mary's Church and of the Knights of Columbus.

June 22, 1910, he married Anna J. Matanle, of Pittsburgh, daughter of Thomas and Eleanor (Cowling) Matanle. Her father was a contractor at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and after his death his family removed to Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Voyer have three children: Louis Matanle, Barbara Eleanor and Jeannette Anna.

Bruce S. Matthews. It will be appropriate in 1922 for the Matthews family, a prominent relationship in the Mahoning Valley, to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the family settlement here. Two active members of the family are Bruce S. and Charles W. Matthews, who for over forty years have been closely associated as partners in their business enterprise as farmers. The Matthews home is three miles south of the courthouse in Youngstown.

The grandparents of these brothers were Thomas and Jane (McClurg) Matthews, natives of County Down, Ireland. Thomas Matthews was a stone mason by trade. In 1813 with his wife and one child he embarked on a sailing vessel, and six weeks later landed at New York. He worked at his trade about a year in Pittsburgh and then at other points in Western Pennsylvania until 1822, when he came to Poland. He was a man of unusual skill in his line, and not only a splendid workman but could direct others. One example of his workmanship in Mahoning County stood the test of more than eighty years. This was the abutments of the old Poland bridge, which were not torn away until about 1904. Thomas Matthews died at Poland at the age of eighty years, and his widow subsequently removed to Sheakleyville, Pennsylvania, and died also in advanced years. Their oldest child, Ann Jane, became the wife of John Wishard, who spent the greater part of his life in Mahoning County, and finally removed to Iowa, where he died. The children of Thomas and Jane Matthews born in this country were Thomas, William, Richard and Nancy. William removed to Iowa after the war and died there. Richard died near Sheakleyville, Pennsylvania, about twenty years ago. Nancy became the wife of Joel Smith and died about forty years ago.

The only member of the family who remained in Poland was Thomas Matthews, Jr., who was born at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1813, and was about nine years of age when the family settled at Poland. His father dying several years later he went to live with Richard Hall, who showed his confidence in the boy by giving him the responsibility of taking a six-horse team and a load of clover seed from Poland to Buffalo, New York. He transacted his business promptly and efficiently, and remained on terms of trust with Mr. Hall until reaching his majority. He was married in 1841 and for a short time rented a farm in Poland Township, then in Trumbull County, and in 1844 bought the land now owned by his son from Doctor Wick. The chief improvement was a two-story hewed log cabin which had been erected in 1811, and it continued to be the home of the Matthews family until 1863, when they moved into the comfort of a commodious ten-room frame dwelling. Thomas Matthews earned a reputation as a hard working and upright farmer and citizen, and died at the old homestead June 2, 1883. His widow died November 21, 1896. Of their children the only two now living are Bruce and Charles. The others were William S.; Ellen Jane, who died April 1, 1855; Ella Day, who died December 16, 1863; and Cora Cynthia, who died January 29, 1866. Of these Dr. William S. Matthews, who was born in 1843 and died at Youngstown May 9, 1888, was a successful Youngstown physician for many years, and made a brilliant record as a Union soldier. At the age of seventeen he volunteered in Company I of the Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, and for his personal bravery in risking his life with a companion to carry a wounded comrade out of range of the Confederate fire he was promoted from lieutenant to the rank of captain.

The mother of these children was Cynthia Shannon, who was born in Youngstown Township April 18, 1824, and became the wife of Thomas Matthews on December 29, 1841. Her father, Maj. John Shannon, was a native of Ireland, and an early settler at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and later at Youngstown. He served at Sandusky with the rank of major in the War of 1812. He was a hatter by trade, and died at Youngstown at the age of eighty-one. Mrs. Cynthia Matthews was the oldest of his children. James Shannon died at Girard at the age of eighty-six. William lived on a farm adjoining that of Governor Tod near Brier Hill. George Shannon moved to Iowa, was married there, went overland to Pikes Peak, Colorado, at the time of the mining excitement, and later went on to California and died at Fresno, January 25, 1902, at the age of seventy-three. T. J. Shannon was a distinguished army surgeon in the Army of the Potomac, entering the war from Youngstown, and on the morning of the battle at Cedar Creek was killed by Moseby's guerillas. John Shannon was a member of Company I of the Seventh Ohio Infantry and also died during the war. Martha Shannon became the wife of Parker G. Hines and lived at Pittsburgh, but died at Youngstown. Rachel was Mrs. Henry Beecher, and died at Ravenna, Ohio; Harriet became the wife of William Taylor and died at Church Hill, Trumbull County. Ella died in girlhood.

Bruce Shannon Matthews was born in the log house on the Matthews farm in Boardman Township, May 1, 1846. His brother Charles Wick was born at the same home March 31, 1851. Both have found their life interests on the old farm and have been active partners since 1876. The farm is now reduced to the size of seventy-one acres. Twenty acres were sold and platted for residences as the Pleasant View Plat to Youngstown.

As a boy at the old home Bruce S. Matthews recalls the heavy timber that covered much of the district, and he not only lived in a log house but went to a log cabin school, fitted up with all the furniture and equipment made familiar by repeated descriptions of pioneer schoolhouses. In the cold blasts of winter he and his schoolmates suffered frozen feet and other inconveniences from the poorly constructed building, but they probably enjoyed as good health as the boys and girls who attend the comfortable

buildings today. He also had duties at home, both around the house and barn and in the fields, and became interested in his father's special industry as a sheep grower. Bruce S. Matthews and his brother for many years ranked among the leading breeders of Delaine sheep in Eastern Ohio. Mr. Matthews exhibited his sheep in county fairs and other exhibits for many years. About seven years ago he had to practically abandon sheep growing, as a result of the ravages of dogs, and in the absence of a well conceived and enforced law against these enemies of the sheep men.

The Matthews brothers have other business relationships with their community. Bruce is second vice president of the South Side Bank and the South Side Savings and Loan Bank and is a director in the National Bank at Canfield. Bruce Matthews has served as township trustee, and both brothers have been republican in their party affiliations, though they were ardent supporters of President Wilson for a second term and thoroughly approved his war administration. The family are members of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

February 28, 1888, Bruce Matthews married Myrtle Harris. Mrs. Matthews has not only been a thorough home maker, but has interested herself beyond the average of women in civic and public problems, and is a keen student and thinker in modern day affairs. She was born on her father's farm in Boardman Township, daughter of Hamilton and Candace (McFarlin) Harris, of an old Coitsville family. Hamilton Harris was a son of Nehemiah Harris, who married Anna McGuffey, a daughter of Alexander and Anna (Holmes) McGuffey. Alexander McGuffey was head of the prominent and interesting McGuffey family of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, and his oldest child was William H. McGuffey, compiler of the famous series of McGuffey school readers. The McGuffeys intermarried with many prominent families of the valley, and frequent references to the name are made in these pages. Hamilton Harris, a grandson of Alexander McGuffey, was born in Coitsville Township, July 11, 1833. His wife, Candace McFarlin, was born May 23, 1831, and died August 8, 1874, the mother of six children, three of whom died young. Those to reach mature years are Mrs. Matthews, William and Minnie. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews have one daughter, Jessie Harris, who was educated in the Boardman High School and is still at home.

William J. Morris, assistant treasurer of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, and one of the most highly respected men of Youngstown, has won his present position through persistence, merit and knowledge of his work. He was born at Hubbard, Ohio, July 12, 1881, and is the elder of two children born to the marriage of Nicodemus and Mary Ann (Jones) Morris, both of whom are natives of Wales. They came with their respective parents to the United States, and were later married at Coalburg, Ohio. Nicodemus Morris was a coal miner for some years, but later went to Hubbard, Ohio, where he worked in the iron mills as a puddler until about 1882, when he and his wife came to Youngstown, where they are now living in retirement.

William J. Morris was graduated from the Rayen High School of Youngstown, and for a year thereafter he worked first for the Commercial National Bank and then for the G. M. McKelvey Company, but from then on has been identified with the iron and steel industry, for he then entered the employ of the Republic Iron & Steel Company as night timekeeper at the Bessemer plant. Later he was made cost clerk in the district office of this corporation, and six months later promoted to be cost clerk in the general offices at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1905 he entered the employ of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company as cost clerk, was later made chief clerk of the accounting department, and since April, 1914, he has been assistant treasurer.

On March 31, 1910, Mr. Morris was united in marriage with Miss Alice Troutman, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one daughter, Barbara. Mr. Morris is a Council member of the York Rite of Masonry, and he also belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Country Club. The Westminster Presbyterian Church of Youngstown has in him an earnest member. Mr. Morris is a man who possesses the ability to stimulate men to wholehearted endeavor, and his department shows the effect of his influence. Having risen from the bottom, he understands the work and how much to expect of those under his charge, and so is able not only to secure excellent results for his corporation, but also how to safeguard the interests of his subordinates, by whom he is held in the highest esteem. Having spent much of his life at Youngstown, Mr. Morris is naturally a booster for it, and no movement of worth fails to secure his support if it has for its object a furtherance of the civic development.

Charles H. Drissen. It was as an expert young Wisconsin dairy farmer that Charles H. Drissen was brought to the Mahoning Valley by the late Myron C. Wick. Under Mr. Drissen's skillful personal supervision the Wick Chestnut Hill farm maintained for a number of years one of the finest herds of Guernsey cattle in America. While Mr. Drissen is now a merchant at Coalburg, his interest is still in the dairy industry, and with his brother he operates one of the large dairy farms of Trumbull County.

He was born at Kewaunee, Wisconsin, August 20, 1886, and became versed in the dairy industry in the famous Wisconsin district. He took special course in animal husbandry and dairying at the University of Wisconsin, and planned to specialize as a veterinarian. He had charge of a stock breeding farm at Athens, Wisconsin, and first made the acquaintance of Myron C. Wick in selling stock from this farm to the Mahoning Valley capitalists. He also met Mr. Wick at the International Dairy Show in Chicago. Mr. Wick induced him to come to Ohio and take charge of the Wick stock for six months. That was in 1907. At the end of that time Mr. Wick again prevailed on him to remain, and he spent ten years and two months very profitably on the Chestnut Hill Farm. When he first drove out from Youngstown to the farm seven miles away he traveled through mud almost knee deep, but that same route is now

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a fine improved modern highway. In a few months he had so earned the confidence of Mr. Wick as to be given full charge of the farm. He developed the Guernsey herd until it contained some of the very finest of the breed. One of the cows was carried about the country on the demonstration cars of the Erie Railroad. The Wick Guernseys were exhibited at the State Fair, the Columbus Corn Show and other expositions. Mr. Drissen had the management of about thirteen men who were employed on the farm. He introduced a system of records and efficient management in the Wick dairy. He early realized that the dairy was suffering from a deficiency of proper care and feeding. On the Ellendale Farm in Wisconsin he had helped develop and test some leading cows, and had all the qualifications for doing this work on the Wick estate. The results proved his skill and wisdom, since he brought several animals to a high degree of production, as shown by subsequent official tests. Besides making the Chestnut Hill Farm famous for its Guernseys Mr. Drissen also developed an orchard of sixty acres through its early stages, until for several years past it has been very productive. From $4,000 to $5,000 a year were expended on the orchard until it came into bearing. He also suprvised the tile drainage and other improvements, and when he left it the Chestnut Hill Farm was without doubt the finest country place in Trumbull County. It lies just one mile west of Coalburg Village.

Mr. Drissen remained on the farm for three years after the death of its proprietor, but in the meantime, in 1915, had become interested in a general store at Coalburg, and in association with his brother, L. J. Drissen, he also bought the Judge Kennedy farm of 144 acres near Coalburg. L. J. Drissen was also in Mr. Wick's employ for seven years, and is now the resident manager of the farm, while Charles Drissen gives his chief attention to the store at Coalburg and lives there. The farm specializes in dairying and maintains a herd of Guernsey pure bred and grades of about forty-five. Mr. Drissen now has one of the two stores that remain at Coalburg. In former years, when it was a center of coal production, there was a score of business houses, but most of the trade now comes from the employes of the New York Central Railway yards.

Mr. Drissen married in November, 1913, Ann Shaffer, member of a well known family of Trumbull County. They have three children, Henry, Ruth and Edna. Mr. Drissen is also a member of the local school board.

Roscoe Carlton McBride, the chemist for the Youngstown Foundry and Machine Shop, has for twenty years practiced his profession as a chemical engineer, and is a recognized expert in the chemistry of metals.

Mr. McBride comes of a family of scholars and educators and was born at West Farmington in Trumbull County, July 12, 1875. His parents are Samuel S. and Ida (McKay) McBride, the former born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, in 1850 and the latter in Trumbull County in 1852. They are now living on a farm at West Farmington. Samuel S. McBride gained a notable place among Ohio educators, was educated at Western Reserve Seminary at Farmington, and for thirty years was busy with the labors and responsibilities of the schoolroom. He taught in West Farmington Seminary, and in many high schools in Trumbull and Geauga counties and at Sullivan in Ashland County. Samuel McBride is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are devout Methodists.

Roscoe Carlton McBride was also a student at the Western Reserve Seminary at Farmington, and for two years was a teacher. He then entered the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, and specialized in chemistry, graduating in 1899. Since then he has filled a number of responsible positions as a chemist, beginning with the Sharpeville Furnaces, then was chief chemist for Dickman & McKenzie at Chicago for two years, also with the firm of Crowell & Peck, and since that time his work has been in the Youngstown district of industries. While he has specialized in the chemical processes involved in general metal working, his studies and research have been particularly valuable in the making of chilled rolls.

Mr. McBride is a member of the Youngstown Engineers Club and the American Society of Chemists. He is a republican, is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and he and his family are members of the Richard Brown Memorial Methodist Church. In 1898 he married Miss Minnie Stroup, of West Farmington. Their son, Charles Andrew McBride, is a graduate of the Rayen High School, and has been specially trained in music.

Alexander Bruce Powrie. The City of Warren has among her substantial and progressive men a number who, by reason of the few years that they have resided here, are sometimes referred to by older residents as "new-comers." However, the city is fortunate in having as citizens these so-called "new-comers," for it is generally conceded that in their few years they have accomplished as much for the community as have many of the "old-timers."

One of the "new-comers" is Alexander B. Powrie, former merchant and now an extensive owner of and successful operator in suburban real estate. He is a native of Scotland, born in the County of Perth, on March 26, 1868, the son of the late William and Catherine (Bruce) Powrie. After attending school until he was fourteen years of age, young Powrie served an apprenticeship of five years in a dry goods house at Coupar-Angus, Scotland, where he became thoroughly grounded in the details of that business and qualified as a salesman.

In 1887 Mr. Powrie came to the United States and became a salesman in a large dry goods house in Pittsburgh. In 1897 he removed to Missouri and entered the dry goods business on his own account at Fulton. Two years later he engaged in the same business at Carrollton in the same state, continuing at the latter place for twelve years.

Mr. Powrie returned to Pittsburgh in 1912, and in 1914 he located in Warren and opened a general merchandise store at 39 East Market Street, which he developed into a large and successful business. In 1920, however, in order to give all of his time to his other interests, Mr. Powrie sold his mercantile

business and has since been active in the handling of his own real estate.

Mr. Powrie with others is the owner of about 300 acres of Warren suburban property, which he is now developing, and also owns 200 acres of the same kind of property which he will develop within the next year or so. He also owns farms in both Columbiana and Ashtabula counties.

Aside from real estate Mr. Powrie has other important business interests, among which may be mentioned the William Coale Development Company, a new Warren corporation.

Mr. Powrie takes a keen interest in the civic and social affairs of Warren, and has been found always ready to respond to all calls made upon him in aid of movements inaugurated for the betterment of the welfare of the community, never, however, seeking political preference, yet never declining to give of his time to the city's affairs. Feeling his obligations to the community, he accepted appointment as a member of the City Board of Health, and served efficiently in 1918-1920. He is a member of the Board of Trade and is a member of the Westminster and Masonic clubs, of Carroll F. Clapp Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Powrie married Elizabeth Ritchie, who was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and to their marriage have been born: Bruce, who was born in Fulton, Missouri, and William, Stuart, Elizabeth and Catherine, all of whom were born in Carrollton, Missouri.

Richard Garlick, vice president and treasurer of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, was born at Youngstown on November 2, 1871, his parents being Henry M. and Sarah Stambaugh Ford Garlick. He attended the Youngstown public schools, Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale University, from the latter institution receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1893.

On his return from college Mr. Garlick entered the works of the Lloyd Booth Company to secure a practical knowledge of manufacturing problems, and in 1898 became secretary of that company. He remained with that organization until 1901, when he was elected treasurer of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, which position he has occupied continuously until the present time.

In addition to his unflagging interest in and service to this important corporation Mr. Garlick has found time to assist in the management and development of a number of other corporations which have had an important part in the industrial history of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. Among these corporations with which he is associated as a director are the First National and Dollar Banks, the Realty Trust Company, the United Engineering & Foundry Company, the Realty Security Company, the Republic Rubber Company, the Concrete Sand & Stone Company and others.

Mr. Garlick has a wide reputation for excellent judgment in financial matters, and his unusually large experience in the handling of problems connected with the financing of large corporations has made his services highly valuable to the concerns with which he is connected. He is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Yale and University Clubs of New York, the Duquesne Club and others. He is a republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. On April 25, 1901, he was united in marriage to Mary Holmes Wells, of Youngstown. They reside in a handsome home on Logan Road.

Jesse Harold Hall is in the fourth successive generation of the Halls in Hubbard Township, in every generation the name Jesse reappearing. The first Jesse Hall was one of the earliest settlers in Trumbull County, and the integrity of his life has been duplicated in successive generations. The Halls have always had a name for substantial worth and good citizenship.

Jesse Harold Hall was born March 30, 1885, on the farm where his mother is still living, on the Youngstown-Sharon car line at Stop 34. As he grew to manhood he made the best possible use of the advantages in the schools and at home ,and for four years worked at the carpenter's trade. Later he began working on the farm of David Tod. David Tod had been greatly annoyed by his inability to secure reliable chauffeurs. He had had unpleasant experiences with a number of drinkers and otherwise undependables. Finally a neighbor suggested that Mr. Tod had in his employ on the farm a young man whose steadiness and integrity were part of the family tradition in Trumbull County. Forthwith Jesse H. Hall was given all the instruction his apt mechanical mind required to operate a car, and became the family chauffeur. After the death of Mr. David Tod he was promoted to larger responsibilities as manager of the fine 320-acre farm and country estate a mile west of Hubbard. Here he is busily engaged supervising the general operations of the farm, breeding thoroughbred Jersey cattle and superintending the noted farm herd. This farm is noted for the high quality of its butter, sold to special customers. There are eight employes on the farm, one of them being a landscape gardener who looks after the greenhouses for Mrs. Tod.

Mr. Hall lives in the old Stambaugh home, on a part of the Tod farm. At the age of twenty-five he married Nellie Corbett, daughter of John Corbett, a Youngstown gardener. They have two children, Margaret and Jesse, the latter being the fifth of the Jesse Halls in successive generations in Trumbull County.

Lloyd B. Kennedy. The name of Lloyd B. Kennedy has been identified with the banking and financial interests of the Mahoning Valley for a number of years and associated with the business affairs of the City of Warren for the past six years, and during the latter period his part in the growth and development of the community has given him a place among the leading men of this section of Ohio.

Mr. Kennedy was born at Cortland (Fowler) Ohio, December 7, 1869, and is the son of C. C. and Alice (Kellogg) Kennedy. The Kennedy family is of Scotch-Irish descent. The great-grandfather, Samuel Kennedy, and his wife, Jane, removed from Berks County, Pennsylvania, to the Mahoning Valley in 1814 and settled in Howland Township, Trumbull County, where they reared a

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family of five sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to mature age. C. C. Kennedy, father of Lloyd B., was born on the farm of William B. Kennedy in Bazetta Township, Trumbull County, on September 12, 1845. He spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and after finishing his education he settled on a farm in the township where he was born. His wife, Alice (Kellogg) Kennedy, was born at Fowler on October 28, 1847, the daughter of E. V. and Lucy (Loomis) Kellogg.

Lloyd B. Kennedy was reared at Cortland, Ohio, and received his educational training in that city and at Oberlin College and the college at Lebanon, Ohio. For the six subsequent years he was engaged in teaching in different schools in the Mahoning Valley and at Warren, and then, in 1895, he entered upon his banking career as a bookkeeper of the First National Bank at Girard, Ohio. The next year he organized the Farmers Banking Company of West Farmington, Ohio, of which he was secretary and treasurer, and continued as such until 1900, in which year he became branch manager of the Cleveland Trust Company at Lakewood, Ohio, holding this responsible position until 1906, when he became cashier for the Rocky River Savings and Banking Company, located just outside of Cleveland, where he continued until 1915. In that year he came to Warren and organized the Peoples Saving Company, which was incorporated in the same year, and of which he became secretary. In April, 1918, the Warren Board of Trade organized the Warren Guaranteed Mortgage Company and Mr. Kennedy was chosen as its secretary, a position he has since held. Within a short time after the organization of the company the management of its affairs was virtually given to Mr. Kennedy, and to his ability is due the success the company has enjoyed. He is also vice president of the William Coale Development Company and is interested in the building and selling of homes.

Fraternally Mr. Kennedy belongs to the Masons, Knights of Pythias and the Elks. The Methodist Episcopal Church holds his membership.

Mr. Kennedy married Mary Hertzell, born at Girard, Ohio, a daughter of A. E. and Emeline (Karl) Hertzell, of Girard. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have the following children: A. Wayne, born at West Farmington, Ohio; Helen M., Dorothy, and Edna, who were born at Cleveland, Ohio; and Jack C., who was born at Warren.

In all his operations Mr. Kennedy has displayed unusual ability and knowledge of the banking business. A sane and conservative man, he believes in weighing carefully each proposition before taking action, but once a decision is reached in carrying it through to a successful completion. Upright in every particular, he has inspired confidence and won devoted friends, and few men stand any higher in public esteem than he does among the citizens of the Mahoning Valley.

WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS. There were few men, indeed, who enjoyed a greater acquaintance or who were more popular in Trumbull County than the late William A. Williams, of Warren. As boy and man he lived in the Mahoning Valley, and for forty years he was closely identified with the history of the valley, and especially was he prominent in the civic and social affairs of the cities of Youngstown and Warren.

Mr. Williams was born at Mt. Savage, Maryland, on December 28, 1856, and was the son of Thomas Williams, a native of South Wales, who removed his family from Maryland to Ohio in 1857, settling in Youngstown. He was a millright by trade and built many of the early mills of the Mahoning Valley, among them the old Richards Mill at Warren.

William A. was a boy of one year when his parents came to Youngstown, so that practically his entire life was spent in the Mahoning Valley. He attended the public schools of Youngstown and at the age of thirteen he left school to go to work in the Youngstown Rolling Mills. He spent ten years in the mills, becoming an expert, skilled workman, and then gave up that work in 1879 to become a member of the Youngstown police force. In 1881 he became head of the police force, and continued to direct the department for seven years, when he resigned to go to Akron as manager of the Akron Iron Company. After having spent five years in Akron Mr. Williams removed to Warren and joined Owen D. Morgan in the manufacture of carriages and wagons under the firm name of Morgan and Williams, which business had been established by Mr. Morgan in 1889.

In 1902 Mr. Williams was elected, on the republican ticket, as sheriff of Trumbull County, and was re-elected in 1904. At the expiration of his second term as sheriff he returned to active participation in the affairs of the firm of Morgan and Williams. The firm gave up the carriage and wagon business in 1916 to become sales agents and distributors of the Overland automobile in a territory embracing nine counties, and continued in that line with success until 1917, when both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Williams retired from all active business.

In 1907 Mr. Williams, Mr. Morgan and others organized and incorporated the Warren Realty and Trust Company, of which Mr. Williams was president until his death. He was also a director in the Western Reserve National Bank, and had other important business interests.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and of Old Erie Lodge No. 3 of Masons and of Warren Lodge of Elks.

The Warren Daily Tribune, issue of March 20, 1917, gave the following estimate of Mr. Williams' worth as man and citizen, which was universally echoed by all who knew him:

"Billy Williams was one of the most popular men that ever lived in Warren or Trumbull County. His acquaintance was large, and when men came to know him they became his friends and they so remained. He was genuine all the way through, big-hearted and sincere, and his word was ever as good as his bond. His friends were real friends because he himself was a real friend. He worked hard in his younger days, and much material success was the result of his labors. Of late years he had more or less retired from active participation in business affairs, though he always kept in close touch with them. He was enjoying his rest,

and no man better deserved to enjoy it. He was never a shirker, and so long as there was need of work he worked.

"Mr. Williams was a good citizen. He was public spirited and liberal always in the support of anything towards the upbuilding of the city and county.

"He loved his home. In fact his home circle was a large part of his life, and his happiest moments were in the bosom of his family, with his wife and children about him. He loved life because he always saw the sunny side of life, and he loved to see others happy. He ever looked ahead with pleasure, and his life of optimism has left an influence upon others and upon the community that will long be felt."

Mr. Williams was united in marriage at Youngstown with Elizabeth Griffith, who was born at Tallmadge, Summit County, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bowen) Griffith, both natives of South Wales. Thomas Griffith removed from Tallmadge, where he was a farmer, to Youngstown, when his daughters were children. He became interested in real estate in the latter city, became well-known and highly esteemed, and the honor was paid him by the city of naming Thomas and Griffith streets for him.

To Mr. and Mrs. Williams the following children were born, all of whom, with their mother, survive:

Alfred August Williams was born in Youngstown April 22, 1882. He was educated in the Warren High School and in the Warren Business College and began his active business life as a bookkeeper for the firm of Morgan and Williams. Two years later, in order that he might gain practical knowledge, he began an apprenticeship in the firm's blacksmith shop, completing his three years as apprentice, then working in the same shop as journeyman for one year. He was then made secretary and treasurer and manager of the wholesale department. When the Warren Realty and Trust Company was organized he became secretary and treasurer of that corporation and has continued to hold that position. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Western Reserve National Bank, also a member of the Board of Directors of the Warren Guaranteed Mortgage Company. He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, Warren Rotary Club, Country Club and Buckeye Club. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church and a member of Old Erie Lodge of Masons No. 3, Warren Commandry No. 39, Knights Templar, and Al Koran Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Cleveland. He is also a member of Warren Lodge of Elks No. 295.

Howard C. Williams was born in Youngstown on September 13, 1887. He was educated in the grammar schools of Youngstown and Akron, and spent three years at the Warren High School, completing his student days with three years at Warren Business College. Leaving college, he spent five years in learning the plumbing trade with the Henderson Plumbing and Heating Company, and in 1916 he became sales manager for the Warren Realty and Trust Company, which position he was holding when the United States entered the World war. Entering the service in 1918, he was sent overseas in July as a member of the 308th Motor Supply Train, Eighty-third Division. He saw twenty-two months' service in France and England and on July 13, 1919, he returned to the United States. Following his discharge from the service he returned to Warren and resumed his position as sales manager for the Warren Realty and Trust Company. He is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons and of Al Koran Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Warren Lodge of Elks No. 295 and of the Masonic, Elks, Country and Buckeye clubs, and of the American Legion.

Lawrence V. Williams was born in Akron and was educated in the public schools. He entered the service in 1918, was assigned to the 308th Motor Supply Train, Eighty-third Division, sailed on June 13th and saw twenty-two months of service in France and England, returning to the United States in April, 1919. After his discharge from the service he resumed his duties as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Warren Realty and Trust Company.

Hettie Esther Williams was born in Youngstown and married Reid Jones, of Warren. They are the parents of one son, Reid Jones, Jr., and reside at Bedford, Ohio.

Ethel Marie Williams was born in Youngstown and is with her mother.

Annie Belle Williams was born in Warren and is with her mother.

Henry G. Lytle, president, treasurer and general manager of the wholesale confectionery firm of Lytle-Wentz Manufacturing Company, is another illustration of the cosmopolitan character of Youngstown. He was born on a farm yet owned by members of his family in County Londonderry in the North of Ireland, April 7, 1871. While he is proud of his native land and special locality, there is no question as to his loyalty to the land of his adoption. He was reared in Ireland and there, according to the custom of the country, served a four years' apprenticeship, without remuneration, to a merchant. His parents, William and Margaret (Graham) Lytle, were farmers and resided in Ireland all of their lives.

When he was twenty years old Henry G. Lytle, or as he is universally known, "Harry" G. Lytle, satisfied a longing by immigrating to the United States. In 1802 he began working in a wholesale candy store at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and during the eight years he was thus employed he learned much of this business and the prevailing methods of conducting it. In 1900 the firm employing him established a branch at Youngstown, Ohio, and Mr. Lytle came here as its half owner and manager, and succeeded in developing it into a profitable enterprise. In 1904, with two of his associates, he founded the firm of Lytle, Morrow & Wentz, and started in a small, unpretentious way to do business. The members of the new firm worked hard and met with well-merited success, continually expanding and acquiring valuable real estate. Mr. Morrow died in 1915, and the interest in the wholesale business he had acquired was purchased by

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Messrs. Lytle and Wentz, but they continued their real estate holdings under the old firm caption. In 1917 Messrs. Lytle and Wentz incorporated the wholesale business as the Lytle-Wentz Company, capitalized at $50,000, and this has become one of Youngstown's leading commercial houses. Mr. Lytle is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. He is a Mason, having attained to the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and also a Knight of Pythias.

In 1895 Mr. Lytle was united in marriage with Miss Kate B. Gregg, of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, and their only child, Margaret S., is the wife of F. Allen Hoover, and the mother of three children, namely: Kathryn, Harriet and Margaret.

Napoleon B. Holton, living retired at Poland, is one of the interesting old timers whose recollections go back before Civil war times.

He was born at Vienna, Ohio, March 5, 1835. His parents came from Camden, New York. The grandfather, Richard Holton, was a Revolutionary soldier. The father also bore the name of Richard, was an expert Yankee mechanic, was foreman in a clock factory at Vienna, and in the early days of railroad construction helped lay a strap iron railroad in Michigan. On his return to Ohio he settled in Poland, subsequently moving to Niles, where he died. Of six sons four are still living: George, of Wisconsin; Charles, of Niles; Napoleon B., of Poland, and James, whose home is at Ashland, Wisconsin. These four brothers were all soldiers in the Civil war. George and Napoleon enlisted at the very beginning, in Company E of the Twenty-Third Ohio Infantry. This company was raised at Poland, and one of the enlisted men was William McKinley, who, however, was transferred to another organization. The first captain was W. A. Zimmerman, William Rice was first lieutenant, and John Botsford, second lieutenant. The company was consolidated with the Twelfth Ohio Regiment, and Napoleon B. Holton saw three years and twenty-two days of service. His brother George continued until the end of the war and rose to the rank of lieutenant. Napoleon B. Holton was promoted to sergeant, and for two and a half years was color bearer and marched at the head of his company. He is now the only surviving member of old Company E left at Poland. He never had more than a scratch, though his brother George was wounded five or six times. The old colors which he carried for over two years are now preserved with other battle flags in the Capitol Building at Columbus. Mr. Holton has attended many reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic. His home post, Hawkins Post at Poland, now has its membership so reduced that the charter has been given up.

For many years Mr. Holton worked as a carpenter and bridge builder and was with the Morse Bridge Company for a number of years. He has never been in politics. His home is on the corner opposite the old Poland Union Seminary.

In 1860, at the age of twenty-five, he married Samantha Eakin, of Poland. They had three children: Cora C., who married Joseph Deemer and died in New York; Frank R., an express messenger with the Northern Pacific Railway; and C. Ed, with the Wabash Railroad.

James M. Lloyd. During the past thirty years James M. Lloyd has had almost every possible experience as a skilled and unskilled worker, executive and operating official in the steel and iron industry. He has been employed in a number of the great works of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio and at present is general superintendent of the Lowellville plant of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company.

Mr. Lloyd was born at West Elizabeth in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1867, son of Eleazer and Ann (Van Devander) Lloyd. His parents were also natives of Pennsylvania, and his father spent his active life as a farmer. He was also in the Civil war as a soldier in the Thirty-Fifth Pennsylvania, and fought at Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg and other great battles.

The first fifteen years of his life James M. Lloyd spent on the homestead farm, and after that until twenty-one worked in coal mines. He had a high school education. In 1890 he entered the Homestead Works of the Carnegie Company, and there and in other steel mills acquired by practical experience every detail of the industry, and has filled practically every position in open hearth and in blooming mills. For eight years he was assistant superintendent for the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company over all their departments. He entered the service of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company on September 1, 1917, first in charge of the bar and blooming mills at Sharon, and since 1919 as general superintendent of the Lowellville plant.

Mr. Lloyd is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in Masonry, being a member of the Lodge at Sharon and at Pittsburgh is a member of the Knights Templar Commandery, Scottish Rite Consistory and Mystic Shrine. August 5, 1890, he married Miss Christina A. Farrer of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Charles H., Clarence E. and Mildred Marion. Charles H. is at this writing in the shipping department of the plate mills of the Carnegie Steel Company at Homestead, Pennsylvania. Clarence is engaged in the employment office of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company. Lowellville Works. Mr. Lloyd has never taken an active part in politics.

William S. Matthews, M. D. For many years the late Doctor Matthews commanded an exceedingly large practice and enjoyed a prestige as one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of Youngstown.

He was born at Poland, October 30, 1843, son of Thomas and Cynthia (Shannon) Matthews. His father was brought to this country as a child from Ireland, while his mother was born in Iowa. Thomas Matthews was a farmer in Boardman Township, the old farm being still owned by his sons, Bruce and Charles.

William S. Matthews grew up on that farm. His uncle, Dr. Jefferson Shannon, was an army surgeon in Virginia during the early months of the war. Doctor Shannon owned a favorite horse in Ohio and commissioned young Matthews to ride the animal to

Virginia. The boy gladly complied with the request and the more so because he hoped that he might be able to remain with his uncle. However, he was immediately sent back after executing his commission, though this only fortified his resolution to get into the army. As soon as possible he enlisted in Company I of the Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, going in as a private and coming out with the rank of captain. When a first lieutenant he went between the lines under fire from both sides, and carried a wounded comrade to safety. For this he was brevetted a Captain by President Lincoln for his conspicuous gallantry before Petersburg. His uncle while caring for wounded on that field was shot down in cold blood, and his body was subsequently recovered and buried at Oak Hill in Youngstown. Doctor Matthews always kept up an active interest in his old comrades and attended many of the reunions of Tod Post.

He completed his literary education in the Poland Union Seminary and later married one of his classmates, the daughter of the distinguished founder of that institution. After returning from the army he began the study of medicine in the office of Doctor Truesdale at Poland, took his first course of lectures at the University of Michigan, also studied with Doctor Fowler, and in 1868 graduated from Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland. He then became associated in practice with Doctor Fowler, and a deep friendship existed between these two for many years. Doctor Matthews was a Youngstown physician, and he had the first two patients in the City Hospital before the building was completed. He was for many years actively identified with the management of the hospital. He was a member of the county and other medical societies, and physicians many times showed their complete confidence in his superior judgment. He continued practice until 1888, after which he practically retired. Doctor Matthews was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

February 3, 1870, he married Jessie Lee, a native of Poland and a daughter of B. F. Lee, whose career as a distinguished educator has been sketched elsewhere. Mrs. Matthews for the past five years has lived at her old home at Poland, and occupies a portion of the Lee property opposite the old seminary. She has always been very active in church and literary clubs. She is the mother of two children. Her daughter Grace lives at home. The son, Frederick L. Matthews, was educated in Rayen High School and Williams College, for a time was in the New York office of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and since then has been a very successful insurance man and is now in business in Chicago. He married Annette Paley, of Beloit, Wisconsin, and has two children, Annette and Frederick L.

L. J. Campbell, president of the Electric Alloy Steel Company, is among the most prominent and active of the younger executives in various enterprises in Youngstown. He was born in Youngstown on May 24, 1885, his parents being James A. and Uretta (Place) Campbell. He attended Rayen High School, the Lawrenceville (N. J.) Preparatory School and Wooster University, matriculating at Yale University in 1906, and graduating from that institution in 1910. Prior to his entrance at Yale he spent about four years in the mills of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, acquiring a practical knowledge of the manufacture of steel. After his college course was completed he entered the general offices of the corporation named and filled various positions, including assistant to the president, and later vice president, and also that of president of the Western Conduit Company, a subsidiary corporation, acquiring a wide knowledge of the problems of management.

In 1916, when it appeared that this country might become involved in a war with Germany, Mr. Campbell volunteered for service in the military arm. He had attended the officers' training camp at Plattsburg and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps. May 1, 1917, he was ordered to active duty at Fort Benjamin Harrison as an instructor at the first officers' training camp established after the opening of the war. June 5th of that year he was promoted to the rank of major of infantry. October 1, 1917, he was ordered to Camp Sherman and given command of a battalion of light field artillery, and a month later detailed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for special instruction as an artillery officer. After completing this course with credit Mr. Campbell was placed in command of a battalion of field artillery, in which capacity he served until February 22, 1918. On that date he received orders to go to France, being at the same time appointed adjutant of the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Infantry Brigade, going abroad with this brigade a few days later.

Arriving in France with the brigade mentioned, he was almost immediately transferred to the artillery service, in which he had been specially trained, at the same time going from staff service to active service in the field with the 309th Field Artillery, of which he was made lieutenant colonel on October 7, 1918, after this regiment had made a gallant record in the Argonne. On January 8, 1919, at his urgent request, Lieutenant Colonel Campbell was relieved from duty and ordered home; but before embarking was recalled and placed in command of the Fifty-third Coast Artillery Corps Regiment. He remained in France about two months in this capacity and was finally discharged from the service at Camp Mead, Maryland, March 13, 1919, after having served almost two years, and attained promotions which place him in the position of ranking officer in the military records of the Mahoning Valley during the great war.

During his service in France Lieutenant Colonel Campbell participated in all of the operations of the First American Army, being in the first and second battles in which the St. Mihiel salient was cleared, and participating actively in the Argonne drive and the subsequent operations on the Meuse. He was on the firing line with his regiment when the armistice was declared.

Mr. Campbell resigned his position as vice president of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company early in 1920 to organize the Electric Alloy Steel Company. In addition to being head of this enterprise, he is also widely interested in industry and business, being vice president of the Youngstown

Ice Company, and a director of the Commercial National Bank, the Crystal Ice & Storage Company, the Youngstown Steel Car Company, the Mahoning Valley Mortgage Company and the Continental Supply Company. He is a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, a number of the college fraternities and other similar organizations.

On September 15, 1914, Mr. Campbell was married to Cordelia Campbell, and they have two children, Uretta Place and Louise.

Oswald Detchon. The late Oswald Detchon was one of the substantial men of Mahoning County, and owned one of the most valuable farms in Boardman Township. He was born on what is now the Frederick farm, one-half mile east of his homestead. His grandfather came to Mahoning County from England about 1800 and located on the farm which was the birthplace of Oswald Detchon. His children were as follows: William, John, George, Thomas, Elijah, Oswald, Solomon and Nancy. One of these sons, Elijah, became the father of Oswald Detchon, whose name heads this review.

Elijah Detchon married Elizabeth Kentner, and they became the parents of the following children: Oswald; Noble; Jesse; Belinda, who is Mrs. Joseph Williamson, of Youngstown; Rebecca Ann, who married Eli Osborne, is deceased, as is her husband; and Martha, who married Atchison Whaley, now living retired at St. Louis, Missouri.

The birth of Oswald Detchon took place on January 18, 1837, and his death, on November 9, 1910. On September 19, 1865, he was married to Sarah S. Squire, a daughter of James and Lovean (Whitten) Squire, natives of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and Trumbull County, Ohio, respectively. Both died in the same week, in 1850, aged twenty-nine and twenty-eight years, respectively, and their little daughter was taken and reared by her aunt, Mrs. Nathaniel Brown, of New Castle, Pennsylvania. She was twenty years old at the time of her marriage.

After his marriage Oswald Detchon worked the family homestead for four years, and then bought the land on which a cannery stood and conducted it. The Interurban Station at Boardman Center is on the old farm land. Oswald Detchon was well known as a stockbreeder and dealer, and exhibited at the county fairs. He enjoyed good horses and handled them. The interurban passed through his farm while he was still alive, and since his demise the family donated the land for a boulevard which runs parallel to the car line. A democrat, Mr. Detchon served his township as clerk and assessor. The Methodist Episcopal Church had in him a faithful member, he belonging to the congregation at Boardman Center. For years he was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Detchon became the parents of the following children: Mae, who is Mrs. Charles Meek, lives at Boardman Center, and her mother is a member of her household, as well as a girl named Frances, whom she and her husband adopted when three years of age; James B., who lives at Youngstown, married Bessie McKinney, and they have two children, Randall Oswald and Carl Alfred; Paul Clifford, who lives at Orion, Michigan, married Frances Arrel, and they have five children, William, John, Jane, Frances and Mary Rachel; Aubrey, who is a veterinary surgeon of Canfield, married Verona Brickley, and they have two children, Walter and Ruth; and Bird, who married Andrew Black, of Poland, has five children, Chester, Frederick, Dudley, Donald and Robert Bruce.

A man of upright life and high ideals, Oswald Detchon set an excellent example while living, and, dying, left behind him a record of which his family may well be proud. Such men as he give a solidity to a community and raise standards of morality not easily overthrown.

C. M. L. Altdoerffer, whose home is at Boardman Center, has given his life to school work, and has had an important share in the educational progress of the Mahoning Valley for a number of years. His chief work has been done at Youngstown, where he is now supervising principal of the Garfield School.

The records of the family go back nearly two centuries in America. Frederick J. Altdoerffer immigrated from Baden, Germany, reaching Philadelphia in 1732. That date and fact have been verified by Professor L. B. Altdoerffer of Cleveland, who has examined the old passenger list of the ship on which he came across. Frederick Altdoerffer located at Woodstock in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and some of his descendants are still living there. In looking up the family record L. B. Altdoerffer visited the old homestead of his ancestor in Virginia.

A direct descendant of this Virginia colonial was John Altdoerffer, who in 1809 came to Ohio. Some of his writings are still in the possession of his descendants, including a receipt for $300, his share in the Virginia estate. This receipt is kept by C. M. L. Altdoerffer. The writings show that John Altdoerffer was an excellent penman, and other evidence indicates that he was a man of unusual education and character. Mr. Altdoerffer also has the old deed signed by Thomas Jefferson, President, and James Madison, secretary of state, giving title to the land settled on by John Altdoerffer four miles southeast of Columbiana.

It was on this old homestead that C. M. L. Altdoerffer was born October 6, 1860. He was next to the youngest of the eighteen children of his father, three of whom died in infancy and fifteen reaching mature years. His father was Samuel Altdoerffer, who was born April 10, 1810, shortly after the family came to Ohio, and the youngest of eight children. The original pioneer, John Altdoerffer, died on the old homestead at the age of seventy-six, having been born in 1764. The first court held in Columbiana County was on the Elias Lower farm in a barn that had been recently erected, and just south of that farm was the Altdoerffer place. The old homestead descended to Samuel Altdoerffer, who spent his life there, and became widely known over Eastern Ohio as a stock breeder. He died in 1870. He was three times married. His third wife, whom he married in 1850, was Elizabeth Thomas, at that time the widow of Henry Lyon. Henry and Elizabeth Lyon were the parents of three children who should be briefly mentioned here: Josephine, living near Clarkson, Ohio, widow of John Hastings; Marcena Lyon, who

lived at New Waterford, and who was the father of five sons, one of whom is Arthur M. Lyon, the prominent real estate man at Struthers, in whose honor was named the branch postoffice of Lyon known as Amlyon; and Osborn, a retired carpenter and farmer at Leetonia, Ohio. Further reference to members of the Lyon family will be found on other pages of this publication.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Thomas) Altdoerffer is one of the remarkable women of Eastern Ohio. She was born in Columbiana County, July 27, 1823. After the death of Samuel Altdoerffer the old farm was sold, and she is now living near Clarkson, north of East Liverpool. She persists in living at her own home, doing her own work, though greatly devoted to her children and descendants. When she celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday in 1919, seven of her own children were present on the happy occasion, being accompanied by their children and grandchildren. Family reunions are held on this birthday anniversary. By her marriage to Samuel Altdoerffer she had six children. Her step sons, Henry, John and William, were all Civil war soldiers, enlisting at Canfield. William and John, twins, were in the same company and both were captured at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, but were exchanged. John later became a prominent railroad man, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh. He possessed oratorical gifts, and during the McKinley campaign in 1896 was given a vacation on pay in order to campaign for the Ohio statesman among railroad men. Five of the children of Mrs. Elizabeth Altdoerffer became teachers. The oldest son became an attorney in Kansas, but died at Wabash, Indiana, where he had studied law and taught school. L. B. Altdoerffer, mentioned above, is a teacher of chemistry in the Cleveland West High School, having received the degree of Ph. D. at the University of Wooster, Ohio. Two daughters, Margaret and Dora, were country teachers and are now married.

C. M. L. Altdoerffer acquired his early education in the country district school and the Lisbon High School and received his A. B. degree from the Northeast Ohio Normal School at Canfield. He had previously taught for three years in the districts of Columbiana County. For one year after leaving college he was at Fairview, Pennsylvania, and in 1888 became principal of the Canfield Village school. In 1893 he went to North Lima and organized a graded school and established a township high school, now a first grade centralized township school and high school. He was at North Lima four years and in 1897 became connected with the school system of Youngstown, beginning as principal of the Brier Hill School, then greatly overcrowded, with nearly 500 pupils and a staff of eleven teachers. Three years later he was transferred as principal of the Wood Street School, which had about ten teachers. He was there three years and Doctor Chaney then gave him double duty, making him also principal of the Front Street School, which had twelve teachers and over 600 pupils drawn from all the nationalities found in Youngstown. These heavy duties Mr. Altdoerffer carried for six years, and in 1909, when the new Garfield Building on the south side was opened, he became principal, and now has the duties of supervising principal of the Garfield, the South Avenue, the Pleasant Grove, the Cochran Park and the Flint Hill schools. Under his direct supervision are thirty-seven teachers, and about 1,400 pupils.

A factor in the Youngstown school system for twenty-three years, Mr. Altdoerffer has steadily lent his influence to educational progress and has seen the local schools modified and equipped with new standards of efficiency. All the work of manual training and domestic science has been introduced since he came to Youngstown. He has served on the executive committee and was president of county institute work, and has been active in city institutes and also in the sessions of the state and national educational bodies. Mr. Altdoerffer took a special course in principals of education at the Harvard University summer school. The only principals with a record of longer service in Youngstown than Mr. Altdoerffer are Mr. Bulla, of the Market Street School, who began his work as principal in 1885, Mr. Tylee of the West Side School, and Mr. Alloway of the Haselton School. Mr. Altdoerffer has served as secretary of the Mahoning County Sunday School organization for three years.

In 1885 he married Miss Tillie L. Deringer, of Columbiana County. Their oldest child, Edson, died at the age of nineteen as the result of an accident. The daughter Ora is the wife of E. R. Joshua, connected with the Pittsburgh Coal Company. The Joshua home is next door to that of Mr. Altdoerffer. Mr. and Mrs. Joshua have two children, Frances and Edward R., Jr. The only living son is John Allan, who graduated from the South High School in 1917, worked for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company for a time, was in the Student Army Training Corps at Oberlin, and is now a student in the Ohio State University . The youngest child is Mary Elizabeth, who graduated from the South High School in 1919 and is now in the office of the Republic Iron and Steel Company.

Like professional men of old Mr. Altdoerffer takes great delight in his country home, his gardens, orchards and shrubbery and spends much of his time and vacations in caring for the same. He has one of the most delightful homes in Boardman Township, and it shows everywhere, his loving care and attention. He has always been a great lover of music and was a bandmaster for about thirty-six years, and still plays the barytone instrument. He has always taken great interest in local, state, national, civic and political questions, especially in good citizenship, Americanization, prohibition and women's suffrage. While he has never aspired to political office, yet he feels he has been a consistent republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Youngstown.

Richard Jones, Jr., lawyer, general counsel for and secretary of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, is one of the most prominent men of his profession in Mahoning County, and widely known all over the state as a corporation lawyer of exceptional ability. He was born at Columbus, Ohio, November 3, 1868, a son of David and Eliza (White) Jones, and grandson of Richard Jones.

Richard Jones, Sr., was born in Wales and came to the United States in 1825, when sixteen years of age, and for sixty years was actively engaged in the

Richard Jones Jr.

handling of real estate. He was thrifty and accumulated a large fortune.

David Jones was born at Columbus, Ohio, in 1843, and was there engaged in the wholesale drug business. He served the Union cause a short time during the war between the states, and is now living retired at Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife had four children born to them, of whom two are now living.

Growing up at Columbus, Ohio, Richard Jones, Jr., attended its schools and the Media, Pennsylvania Preparatory School, and then matriculated at Harvard University, from which he was graduated with honors in 1890, and the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During this time he also took law courses in the Harvard Law School, and in 1892 was admitted to the bar. Returning home, he entered upon a general practice at Columbus with Albert Lee Thurman, a grandson of United States Senator A. G. Thurman. In 1899 Mr. Jones went to Chicago, Illinois, to fill a position in the legal department of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and lived there for seven years, and then went with the company to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the time the general offices were transferred to that city. In 1911 he became a resident of Youngstown, at the time of the location in this city of the general offices of the company, which has had the benefit of his services since its organization, and of which he is now general counsel. For five years he was the legal representative of all of the iron and steel corporations in the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys against the railroads in rate litigation, and during that period were tried some of the most important cases ever passed upon in such matters.

Mr. Jones belongs to the University and Harvard Clubs of New York, the Harvard Club of Boston, the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, and is vice president of the Associated Harvard Clubs of America, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow members. He is a very strong republican.

On November 7, 1894, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Sinks, of Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of George W. Sinks, president of the Deshler National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two sons, George Sinks and Richard III. The elder of these boys has the rank of second lieutenant as the result of his service in the Marine Corps during the World war. The younger son is preparing at an eastern school for Harvard University.

John H. Warne maintains his residence in the attractive Village of Boardman Center, Mahoning County, but has his business headquarters in the City of Youngstown, where he is assistant general manager of the W. B. Pollock Company, of which adequate description is given on other pages, in connection with the sketch of the career of its general manager, C. W. McClure.

Mr. Warne claims the old Keystone State as the place of his nativity, his birth having occurred at Edinburg, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1880. He was reared at Thorn Hill in Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, where his parents still maintain their home, the village being just outside the corporate limits of Youngstown and constituting one of the attractive residential suburbs of that city. He whose name initiates this review is a son of William H. and Elizabeth A. Warne, and the father is in the employ of the United Engineering & Foundry Company at Youngstown. John H. Warne gained his preliminary education in the village schools at Thorn Hill, later was graduated in the Oak Street School in the City of Youngstown, and thereafter he completed a course in a business college. After leaving school he was for one year employed in the general merchandise store of Guess & McNab at Youngstown, and he next entered the employ of the W. B. Pollock Company, in 1899. Beginning his service in the capacity of stenographer in the offices of this company, by efficiency and fidelity he won promotion to the position of purchasing agent, and since 1916 has held the important post of assistant general manager, to which office he was promoted in December of that year. He is one of the vital and popular young business men of the metropolis and judicial center of Mahoning County, and is an active member of the Youngstown Club and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, in which latter he takes special interest and gives effective service in the promotion of its advanced civic and commercial policies. At Boardman Center he maintains his home in the modern and attractive cement house which he erected in 1917. This pleasant and hospitable suburban home is situated on the main road from Youngstown to Boardman Center, and as this is a fine brick road and Mr. Warne uses the automobile as a medium of transportation, he finds the daily drive to and from Youngstown, 4½ miles, a source of pleasure, as well as a means of health preservation. His is one of the finest homes in a district that is fast becoming one of the most attractive of the residential suburbs of Youngstown.

In 1911 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Warne to Miss Bertha E. Drew, daughter of the late John Drew, of Youngstown. Mrs. Warne was educated at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, is a young woman of most gracious personality and is the popular chatelaine of the pleasant home, which is a center of much social activity. Mr. and Mrs. Warne have no children.

Homer Thomas is member of a family that has been identified with the industrial affairs in and around Niles for many years. He was a sheet mill worker and one of the skilled men of his trade, but some years ago his qualifications were given recognition by his election as city auditor of Niles, and he has held that post and faithfully discharged its duties for ten years.

Mr. Thomas was born at Niles July 8, 1873, son of Thomas and Mary (Rosser) Thomas. His father was a native of Wales, was brought to Ohio at the age of eight years, and grew up at Pomeroy. He left that community as a youth to enlist in the Union Army at the beginning of the Civil war. He saw nearly five years of service, and was a participant in many of the historic battles of the great struggle. After leaving the army he located at Niles, and for ten years served as engineer with the fire department. After that he was an engineer at

the Falcon plant until his death in 1905, at the age of sixty-four. At one time he also served as a member of the Waterworks Board, and in all the relations of his busy life he measured up to the best standards of citizenship. His wife was born at Centerville, Ohio, and died in 1901, at the age of fifty-three. Both were active Methodists. In their family of eight children, six are still living: Hattie, wife of William Francis, of Niles; Minnie, widow of George Skelley; Homer; Ida, wife of Ed Hilderbrand, night superintendent of the Sheet and Tube Plant at Youngstown; David, a Youngstown grocer; and Howard, a sheet mill worker in Niles.

Homer Thomas attended the public schools of Niles, and after leaving school found employment in the Russia plant. He was one of the skillful men in the sheet metal department of the Falcon and Brier Hill plant until chosen to the office which he now holds in the city government. Mr. Thomas is a republican, is a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle and Protective Home Circle. In 1903 he married Margaret Hutchings, daughter of J. R. Hutchings of Niles. Their children, all attending school, are Walter, Paul and Margaret.

Gibbon Conway Shackleford, consulting engineer of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and one of the experienced men of his profession, has been located at Youngstown since 1906. He was born near Charlottesville, Virginia, on December 28, 1869, a son of Dr. Robert Baylor and Mary (Barnes) Shackleford, both of whom are now deceased. They became the parents of six children.

Gibbon Conway Shackleford was reared on the farm of his parents and attended a mechanical school giving special attention to engineering and mathematics. When in his eighteenth year he began life's battle on his own responsibility as a clerk and tracer in the office of the engineer of the Atlantic Oil Refining Company at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He later worked as a draftsman for an architect in New York City for two years, and for another two years he was engaged in designing machinery and drafting at Cleveland, Ohio. For the ensuing seven years he was employed by the eminent engineer, Julien Kennedy, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then for three years was with Walter Kennedy, a brother of Julien Kennedy. Mr. Shackleford then became engineer for the Crucible Steel Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and held that position for three years. For a short time thereafter he was assistant to T. J. Bray, then chief engineer of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and having charge of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company. Since May 15, 1906, Mr. Shackleford has been connected with the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and in September of that year came to Youngstown as chief engineer. He was appointed consulting engineer in August, 1919, a position he now fills. Mr. Shackleford is a member of the Youngstown District of the Engineers' Society.

On January 10, 1892, Mr. Shackleford was married to Elva Sweet, who died on June 22, 1905, leaving three children, namely: Dorothy May, the wife of Wheeler J. Welday, and they are the parents of two children, John Conway and Chapline Foch; Robert Charles, who married Carrie Prysi, and they have one child, Dorothy Virginia; and Elva Virginia. Mr. Shackleford was married to Miss Marguerite Cole on April 16, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Shackleford are members of the Episcopal Church. They own a five-acre estate eight miles from the public square of Youngstown, and here Mr. Shackleford spends many happy hours gardening and enjoying the pleasures of rural life after the turmoil of the city. Here, surrounded by his loved ones, his greatest happiness is experienced.

William Francis Thomas recently rounded out a half century of business activity at Niles. A veteran in business affairs, his name has also been intimately associated with the public affairs of that community, and he is a former mayor and in many other ways has used his means and personal influence for the advancement of the city.

Mr. Thomas was born in South Wales April 14, 1844, son of William and Annie (Williams) Thomas, who spent all their lives in the old country. His father was a carpenter and contractor. William Francis Thomas was a little past three years of age when his mother died, and he was seventeen when his father passed away. After the age of ten he never attended school, and was given a thorough training and apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade under his father. At the death of his father he did work as a journeyman carpenter, and in 1868 he established a home of his own by his marriage with Frances Hooper Adams.

Mr. Thomas, accompanied by his wife and their oldest child, Annie E., came to the United States in February, 1870, and in August of that year located at Niles. While he worked a few months as a journeyman carpenter, he soon began taking contracts, and is the oldest man in that business in Niles, and no one has been more actively identified with the building program of the city than Mr. Thomas. He erected the Methodist Church, since burned, also the home of the present Methodist Church, and a number of other churches, school buildings and business blocks, including the old Dollar Savings Bank Building. Incident to his main business as a contractor Mr. Thomas organized the Niles Lumber Company, of which he is vice president.

Mr. Thomas first became a member of the Niles City Council in 1877, and altogether gave a number of years to the city government in the council, while in 1903 he was elected mayor and re-elected in 1905, serving in that office nearly five years. A great deal of Niles' constructive progress as a city was achieved and influenced for good during Mr. Thomas' connection with the city government. At the close of his term of mayor, he was given a gold headed cane by his friends after twenty-five years in faithful public service. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics a republican. Mr. Thomas has been an Odd Fellow fifty-seven years in Wales and represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the Masonic order and the Elks.

He had the misfortune to lose his wife, March

10, 1913, after they had been married forty-five years. Their oldest child, Annie, died in 1893. The two younger children were William R., who died in 1916, and Frank H., who died in 1910. The only one now living is the second daughter, Helena A., widow of William B. Taylor.

Samuel M. Aubel, one of the prominent men of Boardman Township, is profitably engaged in carrying on a general contracting business, and is located 4½ miles south of the courthouse. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, on May 11, 1861, his family having located in Western Pennsylvania at the close of the Revolutionary war, going there from east of the mountains. The Revolutionary ancestor of Samuel M. Aubel was the father of Jacob Aubel, and he had the distinction of serving under General Washington. After his migration to Mercer County, Jacob Aubel spent his life in farming and died on his farm, his remains being interred at Saint John's, Delaware Township, that county. His son, Daniel Aubel, father of Samuel M. Aubel, was eight years old when location was made in Mercer County. After he reached manhood's estate he was married to Theresa Geerge, who was brought to Mercer County in childhood.

Samuel M. Aubel was reared on his father's farm in Mercer County, and taught to be industrious and thrifty. After he reached his majority he served a three years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, receiving seventy-five cents per day, and his hours were not limited to eight. After completing his apprenticeship he worked at his trade for two years in some of the western states, and then in 1887 came to Mahoning County and located at Youngstown, and took work at his trade for ten years, but for more than twenty years he has been doing a general contracting business in all lines of buildings. Some eleven years ago he established his residence in Boardman Township, when he bought seven acres of land, but later sold it and bought his present property, which is 4½ miles south of the courthouse. Mr. Aubel is a man who believes in giving his personal attention to his work, and is usually to be found on the job himself. He has had a number of contracts at Poland, including the Frank K. Ray and the Benjamin residences, while the Frank Lesher residence at Youngstown is another sample of his skill. Mr. Aubel is a Mason.

When he was twenty-six years old Mr. Aubel was united in marriage with Nannie Reed, of Greenville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of the following children: Ora, who is a machinist in the Tod Machine Shops, married Essie McVey; Bessie, who took a business course, is a bookkeeper for a Youngstown concern; and Florence, who is attending a business college. Mr. Aubel has had no public service, for he has devoted all of his time and attention to his business, but he does take an intelligent interest in the progress of his community and is in favor of improvements, for he recognizes the fact that without them any neighborhood falls behind and that not only will no new people come into it, but that it cannot hope to hold its more progressive citizens. Personally Mr. Aubel has many warm, personal friends, and stands extremely well with all who know him.

Marcellus W. Zedaker. The Zedakers were one of the prominent pioneer families to settle around Youngstown, and Marcellus W. Zedaker, a retired resident whose home is near Poland village, represents a fourth generation of the family in this valley.

His grandfather, John Zedaker, came from Pennsylvania and was a soldier in the War of 1812. After coming to Ohio he married Elizabeth Phister, of Youngstown Township, and they began housekeeping on a hundred acres of timbered land, part of which is now included in the Cochran plat addition to Youngstown. John Zedaker was very active in the German Lutheran Church at Youngstown and is buried in the old churchyard. One of his sons, Absalom, served as a Union soldier during the Civil war, and died some years later unmarried. There were five daughters of the pioneer couple: Catherine, Caroline and Mary, none of whom ever married; Anna, who became the wife of Joseph Hiveley and moved to the vicinity of Bryan, Ohio; and Charity, who married Henry Stanley and died at Newton Falls, some of her family now living at Bessemer, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Zedaker, father of Marcellus W., was born on the old Zedaker farm in Boardman Township, four miles south of the courthouse, and remained in that one locality all his life. He owned a part of the homestead and died there at the age of seventy-four. He married Elizabeth Hahn, who survived him about twenty years and died in 1917 at the old home farm. They were the parents of a daughter and son, Almina and Marcellus W. These children still own a portion of the old Zedaker homestead. Almina is the widow of Harvey Machlin and lives at Pleasant Grove.

Marcellus W. Zedaker was born on the old farm, a mile and a half from his present home, October 26, 1851, and grew up to a life of agricultural industry and has managed his affairs with singular prudence and success. He sold some of the land he inherited and about 1877 bought his present place, known as the Joseph Axtell farm in Poland Township, on the line between Poland and Boardman townships, and a mile north of Poland Village. He has 106 acres here. He also owned fifty-four acres adjoining, but part of this was sold and is now platted and divided for residence purposes, the car line passing through that land. Mr. Zedaker has made general farming his chief pursuit, and his farm is now operated by his son, who has made a successful business of raising hay.

At the age of twenty-eight Mr. Zedaker married Martha Campbell, daughter of Peter and Mary (Renney) Campbell, of the prominent Campbell family of Youngstown District.

Mr. and Mrs. Zedaker have two children. Louisa L. lives at the home on the Poland Township road, and owns land that is very desirable and eventually will be made available as a subdivision and addition to Struthers. The son, John C., who is the active manager of the Zedaker farm and has been operating it for the past eighteen years, married Madeline

McClure. They have six children, named Charlotte D'Arcy, John Campbell, Martha, Bettie McClure, Robert and Louisa.

WILLIAM T. GIBSON. Year has been added to year and decade to decade since the first member of the Gibson family, represented today by the subject of this sketch, first came to the present site of Youngstown, with which five successive generations of the family have been identified. At that early date this section of the state was largely an undeveloped region, awaiting the awakening touch of the sturdy pioneers to transform its wild lands and dense forests into rich farms and beautiful homes, to found cities and towns, to establish churches and schools, and in many other ways reclaim the country for the use of man. As one of the early families that led the van of civilization into this region, the Gibson family well deserves conspicuous mention, and as lawyer, business man and public-spirited citizen, William T. Gibson is entitled to representation in a work of the character of the one in hand.

The first progenitor of the Gibson family in America was Capt. James Gibson, who, though of Scotch ancestry, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1740. When twenty years old he left the land of his nativity for the British possessions in America. He established a home in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, then on the frontier and subject to constant ravages by the Indians. He was made captain of a company of rangers and, aided by a large bloodhound, he helped to quell the depredations of the savages. With his wife, Anna Bella (Dixon) Gibson, and a son one hour old, he was driven from his cabin by an Indian attack, the cabin was burned and by a narrow margin his wife and baby escaped in a canoe, while he remained behind with his rifle to fight the destroyers of his home. When the colonies declared their independence from Great Britain he fought with the colonists in the Fourth Battalion, Cumberland County, commanded by Col. James Wilson. In 1779 he was promoted from lieutenant to captain in the Pennsylvania Artillery Regiment commanded by Col. Ben. Flowers. Capt. James Gibson, with his wife and four sons, left Pennsylvania in 1799, in horse-drawn wagons, which contained all their earthly possessions. They crossed the mountains and blazed their way through the forests, and in November arrived in the present site of Youngstown and camped one night at what is now known as Gibson Spring, on Poland Avenue. The next day they drove to Warren, but two weeks later returned to Youngstown and bought from John Young 289¼ acres of land, including the site of their first camp at the spring. Here a home was literally hewn out of the wilderness, while the woods, teeming with wild game, and the streams, alive with fish, in a large measure supplied the family larder. A temporary log cabin was first erected, but later a comfortable and more pretentious house was built. Capt. James Gibson died in 1816, at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife passed away in 1833. She was a charter member of the first Presbyterian Church in Youngstown and was a devout Christian. Their four sons were named John, James, Samuel (a deaf mute) and Robert D. Of these, James, Jr., and Robert D. served in the War of 1812, and many of their descendants fought for the Union during the Civil war.

Robert D. Gibson, who was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1784, married Lydia Marshall in 1818, and died in 1863. He and his wife were the parents of Samuel, James M., John, Nancy and Eliza. The eldest of these, Samuel, was born on March 9, 1819, and died on December 4, 1910. He was twice married, his first wife being Ann Irwin, who died and left one son, James D., who is now living in Poland, Ohio. His second marriage, which occurred in 1847, was with Nancy J. Gault, and the following named six of their children grew to maturity: William T., Minnie A., Ben M., Robert A., Harry G. and Ella.

William T. Gibson was born in Youngstown December 20, 1850, and has always made this city his home. He attended the district schools in boyhood, later completing the course at Rayen High School, and in 1876 was graduated from the Western Reserve College at Hudson, Ohio. Having determined to devote his life to the practice of law, he then read law under the direction of Judge George F. Arrel and in September, 1878, was admitted to the bar. For three years Mr. Gibson served as city solicitor, resigning that position to accept the office of county prosecutor, to which he had been elected. In 1903 he was elected mayor of Youngstown, serving as such twenty-eight months, or until the municipal elective code was changed. During his administration as mayor the new city code was put into effect, a new jail was erected, taxation was materially reduced, and one of the great industrial strikes was successfully quelled. He was one of the organizers of the City Trust and Savings Bank, of which he has been the only president and which, under his guidance has grown to be one of the strong and influential financial institutions of the Mahoning Valley. For over eighteen years he has been a trustee of the Rayen School. Mr. Gibson was chairman of Draft Board 2 of the City of Youngstown and served twenty-two months. This board had the largest registration of any in the country. They sent out 1,660 men who were outfitted at the camps.

Politically Mr. Gibson gives his support to the democratic party, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It is a notable fact that the Gibson family here has had no members but what have reflected credit on the community in which they have resided, and their patriotism is evidenced by bloodshed in the various wars of the country, their sympathies ever being on the side of liberty and the public weal. Only those who come into personal contact with Mr. Gibson can understand how thoroughly nature and training, habits of thought and action, have enabled him to accomplish his life work and given him the eminent standing which he has for years occupied in the community. Always quiet and unostentatious in manner, he nevertheless leaves a strong impress of his individuality upon all whom he meets. Through the long years of his residence in this community he has been true to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature, and his reputation in a business way is unassailable.

W. T. Gibson

Alfred G. S. Parker, now deceased, was for many years one of the substantial business men of Struthers, and his memory is cherished because of his many excellent traits of character. He was born at Poland, Ohio, on April 25, 1852, and died on May 10, 1917. His parents were Rufus and Dorcas (Mathews) Parker. The family came from Connecticut to Kinsman, Trumbull County, Ohio, as pioneers. Rufus Parker was born in Connecticut in 1807, was only a lad when the family migration took place to Ohio, and consequently was reared practically in this state. As he grew up he became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was one of the early circuit riders of this region. Later, however, he retired from the ministry and established himself in a drug and book business at Poland, Ohio, going from there to Magnolia, Delaware, and in 1870 came back to Struthers and opened up another drug store, and here he died when sixty-six years of age, his widow surviving him until she was seventy-nine years old.

They had the following children: Charles, Sadie, Harriet and Alfred G. S. Charles Parker was born at Kinsman, Ohio, on December 24, 1845, and on May 26, 1862, enlisted in Company D, Eighty-Eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was discharged in September of that year. He re-enlisted in June, 1863, in Company A, Eighty-Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and received his second discharge on February 10, 1864. He belonged to Tod Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and was a strong republican. Following his final discharge he established himself at Struthers, and his sister Sadie remained his housekeeper until they died, they passing away within a week of each other of pneumonia. She had been a schoolmate of William McKinley, later president of the United States, in the Poland School. Both brother and sister were active in the Methodist Episcopal Church. By trade Charles Parker was a lather and plasterer, and worked as such, although he never was very strong, as his health had been affected by his service in the army. The sister Harriet was a lovely character and very talented as a musician. Her death occurred when she was thirty-six years of age. Her brother Alfred took the first money he earned and bought her a guitar, and she became expert in playing it.

Alfred Parker built a drug store at the corner of State and Bridge streets, Struthers, in 1873 and also handled books, and it was the first store of its kind in the village. For twenty-three years he was engaged in conducting it, and then sold it to Mayor Wilson's father. While conducting this store he had lived over it, but after making the sale he moved into a residence he had erected. Being too active a man to remain idle, he became storekeeper for the Republic Iron & Steel Company, and continued with this corporation until his death. While he supported the republican candidates, he was not in any sense a public man, and devoted all of his time to his business.

When William McKinley left Poland there was no train nearer than Columbiana, and Mr. A. G. S. Parker, then a boy, drove him with his trunk to Columbiana to take the train "outside."

On October 17, 1878, Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Laura N. Cowden, a sister of Dr. J. N. Cowden, engaged in a medical practice at Lowellville for forty-three years. She was born at Jackson, Pennsylvania, a daughter of James and Jane (McComb) Cowden. Mr. Cowden came to Lowellville in 1868 and conducted a drug store together with his sons J. N. and R. M. Cowden, who were both physicians. Mr. Cowden died in 1875. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Parker was engaged in teaching school at Lowellville. Mr. and Mrs. Parker became the parents of two daughters, namely: Edna, who married Cecil McHenry, a railroad engineer, lives at the old home of her Uncle Charles Parker at Struthers, and has two children, Virginia Isabel and Giles Parker; Helen, who married Leon W. Kile, now representing the Republic Iron & Steel Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a dealer in oil supplies, but he maintains his residence at Struthers, which was given his wife by her uncle, Charles Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Kile have three children, namely: Dorothy, Josephine and Betty Jane. Mrs. Parker is now living with her daughter, Mrs. McHenry.

The influence of a life like that of Mr. Parker is not lost when he passes from this mortal sphere. While he shrunk from any publicity, he was known to many, and they and the whole community knew and respected him and realized that his uprightness and sincerity were component parts of the man and that his every action was governed by these characteristics. To his family he was a generous and tender husband and father, and his recreation and happiness were found with them and not in the outside world.

Edward C. Rinehart, M. D. The medical profession of the Mahoning Valley has many notable exponents, men of wide knowledge and broad training who give prestige to their work and protect the health of the people of their community. Among them perhaps none stands higher in the confidence and esteem of his associates, as well as the public at large, than Dr. Edward C. Rinehart. Not only is he a dependable medical man, but he has also exercised a beneficial influence, principally because of his initiative spirit and helpful activity in civic matters. His career has been characterized by the highest standards of professional ethics, and devotion to duty, his love for humanity and his adherence to his principles, combined with his strength of purpose, have gained for him the respect of his colleagues and of the public.

Doctor Rinehart was born at Arlington, Hancock County, Ohio, on December 20, 1886, a son of William A. and Nancy Rinehart, the former a farmer, was born in Ohio, but the family came from Pennsylvania to Ohio about one hundred years ago. In 1909 Doctor Rinehart was graduated from the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and then took the regular medical course at the Sterling Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1913. For the subsequent year he was interne at the Protestant Hospital at Columbus, Ohio.

In the meanwhile Doctor Rinehart was looking about him for a favorable opening and selected

Struthers upon the recommendation of Dr. E. Harry Jones, present coroner of Mahoning County, and located here on August 4, 1914, as a general practitioner. From the beginning Doctor Rinehart's ability received recognition, and he is today carrying on a practice three times as large as he had hoped to acquire when he came here. This popularity is not in the least spectacular, but the result of the creation of confidence and the patience with which he has ministered to the people, really directing more attention to prevention of disease than to anything else. He is educating the people to conserve their health by inculcating ideas with reference to right living, and using his influence to have proper sanitary regulations inaugurated and maintained. Like all modern physicians, Doctor Rinehart maintains membership in the county, district and state medical societies. In his fraternal affiliations he has become an Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

In 1913 Doctor Rinehart was united in marriage at Columbus, Ohio, with Mary Ethel Dickson, of that city. Doctor and Mrs. Rinehart have one daughter, Jean Elizabeth. Both are very popular socially, having gathered about them a congenial circle of friends.

James P. Wilson. In no profesison is a career more open to talent than in that of the law, and none demands a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application, breadth of mental vision, and a certain heritage of common sense are the concomitants which go far to insure personal success and prestige in this great profession, which stands as the stern conservator of justice. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the trial lawyer and counsel, James P. Wilson stands today in the front rank of the members of the legal profession in Ohio. He has been indeed eminently successful in his legal career, as is indicated by his long and praiseworthy record at the bar. A master of his profession he ranks high among men distinguished for the high order of their legal ability, and his sound attainments and ripe judgment have made him an authority on matters involving a profound knowledge of jurisprudence and vexed and intricate questions which do not come into the practice of the ordinary lawyer.

James P. Wilson was born in Lyons, Iowa, on February 6, 1857, and is the son of James T. and Harriet (Hawes) Wilson. His father was a lawyer of ability, having been admitted to the bar at Cleveland in 1850. He successfully practiced his profession in that city for five years and then moved to Lyons, Iowa, where eventually he engaged in manufacturing and commercial pursuits. He afterwards returned to Cleveland, where his death occurred in 1887, at the age of fifty-eight years. Harriet (Hawes) Wilson was a woamn of superior mental attainments. Broadminded and liberal, and possessed of deep religious convictions, she became closely identified with some of the more important charitable movements of Cleveland.

James P. Wilson attended the public schools of Cleveland, graduating from the Central High School in 1875. Having determined to make the practice of law his life work, he spent a year in the law office of Hon. Rufus P. Ranney, whose reputation as a judge is nation wide. He studied in Columbia College, New York City, during a two-year course in the law school of that institution. In 1878 he was admitted to the bars of New York and Ohio and immediately came to Youngstown and entered upon the practice of his profession with an uncle, Hon. David M. Wilson. He has remained in the practice here continuously since that time and has had as partners a number of the prominent lawyers of the Youngstown bar, but he has individually achieved a prominence in his profession second to none. The present firm name is Wilson, Hahn & Wilson. He stands as a worthy and conspicuous member of a group of men whose influence in the civic and social life as well as in professional circles of the community has been of a most beneficent order. He is the present legal representative of the New York Central system of railroads in northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, including the Lake Erie and Eastern Railroad Company and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company, which he has represented for the past forty years. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, having served as a delegate to the latter.

A wide and discriminating reading of literature of the better sort, aside from his profession, engaged the attention of Mr. Wilson. As a writer he has gained considerable repute. He is the author of many essays, briefs and monographs and has collaborated on a number of successful plays. With an easy and graceful style, the products of his pen always attract attention.

In 1887 Mr. Wilson was married to Frances Eliza Patton, daughter of Dr. Thomas Patton of Newark, Ohio, a former editor and proprietor of the Youngstown Vindicator. To them have been born three children: Richard Bartley, named for his maternal great-grandfather; Mordecai Bartley, who was governor, United States senator, and supreme judge of Ohio, is a graduate of Brown University and Columbia Law College and is a partner in the law firm with his father. James Taylor, who resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he is general manager of the Cheri Corporation, served as United States coal controller of Rhode Island. He too is a graduate of Brown University, as is Harold Leslie, the youngest son, who is now manager of the sales department of the Republic Rubber Company of Youngstown, being in charge of the output of the Canton factory of that company.

Politically James P. Wilson is an earnest supporter of the democratic party, though personally without political aspirations. He is a member of St. John's Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. He takes a deep interest in local public affairs, is director of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, and has served as a trustee of the Youngstown Public Library for twenty years. In 1916 Brown University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. Although his life has been a busy one, his professional affairs making heavy demands upon his time, he has never shrunk from his duties as a citizen and his obligations to the community. Calm

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and dignified, his life has been nevertheless a persistent plea by example and public speech and written word for that tolerance and sanity of individual judgment which make for the elevation of wholesome character.

SAMUEL C. WAGGONER. The great manufacturing interests centered at Struthers produce immense quantities of freight shipped from this point, so that the representative of the railroads here is an important man, and one whose duties are manifold and heavy. Samuel C. Waggoner, agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Struthers, is a man fully calculated to measure up to his responsibilities, and one who is rendering a remarkably efficient service.

Samuel C. Waggoner was born at Broad Ford, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, on June 4, 1871, and in 1887 his parents came to North Benton, Mahoning County, Ohio, where both died. His father was a blacksmith, but also had been a stage driver on the old National Turnpike over the mountains, and his blacksmith shop was located on this turnpike at Searight.

When still a lad Samuel C. Waggoner began working in the mines and coke ovens, but in 1892 entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and was first stationed at Coverly, Pennsylvania, as agent, from whence he was transferred to Edenburg, Pennsylvania, where he spent 4½ years. For the next 2½ years he was at Greenville, Pennsylvania, and then returned to Edenburg to reside, although he was stationed at Greenville, Pennsylvania, and still maintains his home there on account of his wife's health. In August, 1907, he came to Struthers. At that time he had one clerk, but the business has so increased that he now has to have seven.

On April 13, 1892, Mr. Waggoner was married to Myrta Eadler, of Berlin Centre, Mahoning County, Ohio, a daughter of David and Anna Eadler. David Eadler was a harnessmaker and died in 1918, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner, with whom he and Mrs. Eadler had resided for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Eadler survives him and continues to make her home with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have no children. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Greenville, Pennsylvania. His fraternal connections are with the Knights of Pythias of Greenville. Having been with his road for so many years Mr. Waggoner is exceedingly efficient in his line and is able to handle the heavy traffic from this point. Accommodating and dependable, Mr. Waggoner is a valued asset to Struthers, and to its manufacturing plants, and it is a recognized fact that few agencies are managed as well as the one presided over by him.

LOWELL GARRISON WESTOVER. Associated with business interests, and a citizen of high character, Lowell Garrison Westover is a man whose operations entitle him to a place in the record of worthwhile men of the Mahoning Valley. He was born at Warren, Ohio, on April 19, 1878, a son of Allen and Kezia (Hoon) Westover, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Youngstown, Ohio, on September 5, 1919. It is believed that both families are descendants of the original Holland stock of New York.

The grandfather of Allen Westover brought his family to the Western Reserve from Richfield County, Connecticut, in 1806, making the trip with ox teams, and settled at Palmyra, Portage County, Ohio. There he assisted in the construction of the first bridge over the Mahoning River. James Hoon married a Miss Garrison, a relative of William Lloyd Garrison, the great abolitionist, and a daughter of Joseph Garrison of Edinburg, Ohio. This lady dying when her daughter Kezia was young, the latter was reared by her grandfather, Joseph Garrison, of whom Mr. Westover has a vivid recollection. Luman Westover spent his life at Deerfield, Ohio, where his son Allen was born. Another relative, Rockwell Westover, recently died at Deerfield, aged eighty-seven years. Fred Westover, a brother of Luman Westover, was the cattle king of Portage County, Ohio. Mrs. Russell Case, secretary of the Westover Reunion, is also a member of the Westover family.

Lowell G. Westover left the farm and with but $350 opened a blacksmith shop at Lowellville and learned his trade at his anvil. It was slow work and at times discouraging, but he possessed determination in a somewhat marked degree, and gradually he built up a good business, giving employment to as many as seven helpers, and did all kinds of horse shoeing and general repair work. Later he added a livery and then began handling farm machinery, broadening that branch to include all kinds of agricultural implements and gas engines, harness and other goods of a like nature. Thus from very small beginnings he steadily advanced until he had $30,000 invested. The livery barn gave place to a garage, and in connection with it Mr. Westover did all kinds of auto repairing and carried a full line of auto supplies and accessories and oils. He had extensive storage rooms and catered to the transfer and moving trade, his equipment especially being adapted for long distance removals. His establishment was one of the leading ones of the village, and in addition to it Mr. Westover owned one of the finest residence there and other valuable realty.

On February 9, 1920, a fire occurred in the store rented by Mr. Westover, the store being the front room of the factory. The building and contents were burned to the ground. The place was covered by only a small insurance, he losing $20,000. With characteristic energy he started out again, forming a partnership with his brother Roy Westover, and opening the Westover Stag Hotel at 19 Wick Avenue in Youngstown. He and his brother are also engaged in the real estate business under the firm name of Westover Brothers, with offices in the hotel.

On November 8, 1898, Mr. Westover was married at Youngstown to Gwendolyn Lewis, a daughter of George Lewis, a coal miner and later a mill workman, who was killed in 1918 by the fall of a heavy casting which was being carried by a crane. Mr. and Mrs. Westover have three children, namely: Fred, who is a graduate of the Lowellville High School, is a student of Hiram College; Elsie, who is attending the Lowellville High School; and Raymond, who is the youngest.

In the case of Mr. Westover his rise, while rapid, in a natural one, and brought about not through the favors of influential friends or the infusion of out-

side capital, but as a result of his own hard work, thrift and excellent business judgment. Both he and his establishment are a credit to his community, and he stands in high favor with all who know him.

Frank W. Perry. Outside of the immense plant operated by the steel trust and other corporations one of the most conspicuous and successful industries of Youngstown is the F. W. Perry Machine Company. This business is the direct result of the initiative and enterprise of Frank W. Perry, its proprietor. Mr. Perry has been in Youngstown only about ten years, but had his business on a sound basis at the time of the World war, executed and fulfilled some valuable contracts for the Government, but the Government patronage has been really only incidental to the substantial prosperity and success of his concern.

Mr. Perry was born in London, England, in 1886, a son of James E. and Emily (Clemmons) Perry. His parents are still living in England, and his father for many years was a high class machinist, but is now retired at the age of seventy-two. In the family were three sons and two daughters.

Frank W. Perry acquired his education in the public schools of London, and at the age of fourteen left school to begin an apprenticeship in a machine and foundry works. He learned the business thoroughly, spending seven years, and subsequently was employed by Joseph Baker & Sons, manufacturers of automatic machinery of all kinds, the largest concern of its kind in the world.

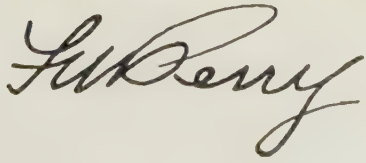
Mr. Perry came to the United States in February, 1910. Acting on his own knowledge and advice he sought opportunities for his special experience in Pittsburgh. He started for that city, but was sleeping soundly when the train passed through, and did not wake up until he was in the environs of Youngstown. Thus, in a measure, it was chance that brought him to this great industrial city. His first employment was with the Sheet and Tube Works and later he went with another local plant, and then for six months was out of a job on account of a strike. For three years he was machinist with the Tod Company. Mr. Perry then determined to go into business for himself. He rented a barn located next door to his present plant. He had saved a little money, but he bought his equipment chiefly on credit. For a time he conducted a shop for the rebuilding of automobiles, and sold the rebuilt cars. Later he was a salesman for the Youngstown Carriage Company, and sold much of the output of this firm. Again he branched out in business for himself on part of the ground now occupied by his business. He continued making over cars, selling cars, and handling Republic tires as representative of the Republic Rubber Company. From that he turned to strictly machine work, buying his equipment on credit. He was soon given munition contracts, making dies and lathes for the Remington Arms Company, and later established an output at a rate of 340 rimmers per month for the United States Government. He was able to fill all the exacting requirements of a Government contract, and has shown a real genius in organization and has one of the best equipped plants of its kind in Ohio. Mr. Perry is now making a specialty of manufacturing truck axles and automobile parts.

In September, 1915, he married Miss Mary Snyder, daughter of John Snyder, of Youngstown. They have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Emily Frances. Mr. Perry is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and his wife is affiliated with St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Samuel L. Friedman, one of the prosperous business men of Struthers, is engaged in a general merchandise enterprise and has been a resident of the village since July 28, 1900, coming here before the village was incorporated. He opened a store with a small stock of goods, less than $2,000 worth, but from the start has been successful, building up an excellent trade that has shown a healthy increase with each year. His first store was a one-room affair, on the location of the old postoffice, but two years later he moved to his present place, which was then a two-story building with 1,700 square feet of floor space. In 1908 he enlarged, adding a store 25x50 feet, which gave him 1,200 more square feet of floor space. With the expansion of his business he found it necessary in 1916 to add a second floor, so that he then had about 4,800 square feet of floor space, and at that time he added a five and ten cent department. The business has grown to such proportions that he has replaced his original building with a new three-story brick block, 50x100 feet, with walls strong enough to support several additional stories when they are needed. He occupies the entire building and carries on a general merchandise business, his department store being the equal of any at Youngstown. The building was erected at a cost of $80,000, and his stock is valued at $75,000. Some idea of the expansion of the business may be gathered from the fact that during the first year Mr. Friedman was able to attend to his customers alone, while today he finds employment for twenty-five sales people. One of the reasons for his success lies in the fact that he treats all alike. It has always been his policy to give his customers the goods they want, to render to all a square deal, and to be content with small profits. A man of genial personality, he has made many friends and is recognized as a valuable asset to Struthers.

Ever taking an interest in local matters, Mr. Friedman has become very prominent in civic affairs, and is now on the board of education, and assisted in organizing the Struthers Chamber of Commerce, which he served as the first chairman. It is a tradition at Struthers that whenever there is anything needed in the way of improvements, public demonstration or civic activity along any line, all that is necessary to bring about results is to place the matter in the capable hands of "Sam" Friedman, and the thing is as good as done.

Samuel L. Friedman was brought to Youngstown in his childhood by his father, Isaac Friedman, a retired grocer and well known resident of Youngstown, and he grew up in his father's store, learning merchandising from the ground up. At the same time he attended the Wood Street School of Youngstown. Mr. Friedman learned to be useful in other ways, for he was a newsboy and bootblack at Youngs-



town for some four years. When he was twenty years old he went into business for himself, and since that time has made steady progress.

In 1908 Mr. Friedman was married to Ruth J. Bondy, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Selma Lois. Mr. Freidman is a charter member of Struthers Lodge, Knight of Pythias, and he belongs to the Rodef Sholem Congregation of Youngstown.

GEORGE L. SAUER. In tracing the lives of the prominent men of the Mahoning Valley, the writer finds it easy to determine that those of progressive ideas have never lacked for opportunity. In this country where the valuable prizes of life depend upon merit rather than the accidents of birth and fortune, the men of ambition, initiative and courage are the ones who attain to success. The most reponsible positions in every line are given to those who possess the above mentioned traits of character. With them as a capital George L. Sauer entered upon his business career, and today he is agent for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad at Struthers, and is also a strong political factor in the life of the village.

George L. Sauer was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 11, 1886, a son of Joseph Sauer, formerly a mill worker, but now an employe of the Village of Struthers, Ohio. Growing up at McKeesport, George L. Sauer attended its public schools, and first worked in the freight office of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, and then was made agent at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, from whence he was transferred to Struthers, Ohio, in 1912. Under his charge the business of the office has so augmented that the original four employes have been increased to eight.

From the first Mr. Sauer has taken a very active part in civic affairs at Struthers, and in 1919 was elected a member of the village board. He assisted in organizing the Struthers Chamber of Commerce, of which he is now secretary, and introduced and carried through to successful completion the measure for the issuance of bonds to the amount of $22,000 to provide for adequate fire protection and a general alarm system of modern make. In his youth he played baseball and is an enthusiast on all healthful sport, including baseball and bowling, and encourages the young men to participate in them, knowing that they and their work will thereby be benefited.

While a resident of McKeesport Mr. Sauer was married to Miss Anna Haltmeyer, and they have one son, John. Mr. Sauer belongs to that class of men who wield a power that is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral as well as political, and is exercised for the public weal rather than for private benefit. He has reached his present position through no favors of influential friends, but worked his way up, and his achievements are the reward of earnest, honest effort.

WILLIAM A. FEE. Four generations of the Fee family have been identified with the substantial interests of Trumbull County. William A. Fee represents the third generation, and is senior in the firm of W. A. Fee & Son, owners of the Valley Farm in Bazetta Township. Some of the most advanced ideas of modern agriculture and stock husbandry are practiced and demonstrated on the Valley Farm, which lies half way between Warren and Cortland.

The Fee family came out of County Leitrim, Ireland. William and Jane (Park) Fee, grandparents of William A. Fee, were pioneer settlers in the northwestern part of Bazetta Township, some six or seven miles north of Warren. Later they moved to the center of Bazetta and finally retired to Warren, where William Fee died when about eighty years of age. He is remembered by some of the old timers as a very popular horseman. H was a crony of the great Youngstown coal and steel operator Chauncey Andrews, whose career figures prominently in the Mahoning Valley history. They were associated in the breeding and training of fine racing and trotting stock. William Fee trained such horses as King Searcher, Country Boy, Granite State, Starlight Willie, Gold Dust, and two of these were among the greatest horses in America. The descendants of Country Boy became widely noted and prized by horsemen. William Fee had a track on his farm, and he was a regular follower of the fairs and race circuits. Some of his horses he sold at fancy prices. He was keenly interested in horse training and racing as long as he lived.

His son William, Jr., who was only a child when brought over from Ireland, excelled his father as a driver of horses. He bought the old farm at Bazetta Center, and was the pioneer of the family in establishing a dairy. He kept as high as forty cows, and was one of the chief patrons of the Cowdery Cheese Factory at Cortland. He remained on the farm until his wife's death, about 1904, and then exchanged it with William A. for a farm near the old homestead. The last four years of his life he lived with his son William A. and died in April, 1914, at the age of seventy-four. His wife, Mary J. Brown, was born in Vermont and was a child when her parents, James and Anna Brown, settled in the northern part of Bazetta Township on the Center Road. The Browns were pioneers, and they had to cut a road through the woods to reach their land. James Brown died when about sixty years of age, at the close of the Civil war, while his widow lived until 1883. The sons in the Brown family were Heman, Norman, Albert and William, and the daughters, Caroline, Mary, Emily, Eliza and Ellen, all now deceased. Heman and William both died in Trumbull County, while Norman and Albert went to Illinois. William Fee, Jr., had a brother, John C., who lived in Mecca Township until the death of his wife, and he spent his last days near Leavittsburg. William Fee, Jr., was a democrat in national affairs. He and his wife had four children: William A.; Charles, who left home when a young man, went to work in the machine department of the Tube Works at Warren, and was foreman of the Buckeye Electrical Works of Cleveland when his clothing was caught in a rapidly revolving shaft and he was instantly killed March 12, 1901, at the age of thirty-eight; Fred, a farmer in Bazetta Township; and Myrtle, wife of Dr. A. C. Graham, of Kansas City, Missouri, who was born in Farmington Township of Trumbull County.

William A. Fee was born in Bloomfield Township of Trumbull County January 6, 1862, and grew up

on his father's farm, acquiring a substantial education in the local schools. At the age of twenty he married Jennie Hake, one year his junior, a native of Vienna Township and daughter of Daniel and Betsy (Hake) Hake of that township. After his marriage Mr. Fee rented his uncle's farm for five years, then spent five years on one of his father's farms, and following that bought the place which he traded to his father for the present home. He lived there about eight years, and in May, 1906, secured the Valley Farm, consisting of 200 acres. His father had owned 336 acres here, William A. getting more than half of it. Much of the land was in woods and pasture. Mr. Fee built the present barn, getting the timbers from his own place, while his father had built the house. For some years past Mr. Fee has been expending much capital in tiling and draining the wet places. It is a high class dairy farm, and since 1908 registered Holsteins have constituted the herd. There are now about forty head of these animals. The farm has sent out a number of fine breeding animals, and the state at one time bought a bunch of heifers for use with the State Calf Club in Belmont County. The herd has been tested for tuberculosis by the Federal Government and is an accredited herd. The cows have also stood high in the official milk tests. The business practice has been to sell the cream, the skim milk being left on the farm for use as supplemental feed. The cream was formerly sold to ice cream makers, but is now sold to wholesale distributors at Warren.

William A. Fee has found his life interest in the farm. He has never held a public office and is an independent voter. He has filled the chairs in the Cortland Lodge of Odd Fellows and has sat in the Grand Lodge, and he and his wife are both Rebekahs. The family are members of the West Bazetta Christian Church. For several years Mr. Fee has spent a few weeks every season in the hunting grounds of Northern Michigan. He makes these trips in company with some congenial companions, and in his home has some mounted deer heads as tokens and trophies of his sport.

Mr. and Mrs. Fee have a daughter and son, Carrie and Charles. Carrie is the wife of Clyde Everett, a farmer in Champion Township. They have one son, Glade. Charles married Edith Wildman, and they have a family of three girls, Charlotte, Lavette and Genevieve. Charles Fee is the young man who has been responsible for many of the advanced features found in practice on the Valley Farm. He is a graduate of the Cortland High School, and the Ohio State University, where he specialized in dairying and stock husbandry. He has qualified for and done official testing for the state. He has used a great deal of limestone for the soil, and has done much to improve the productiveness of the fields. For some years past alfalfa has been grown on the Valley Farm. One tract was cut for eight years in succession, averaging five tons to the acre annually. The silo is a feature of the building equipment on the Fee farm. The dairy is operated on strictly business principles, the milk from each cow being weighed at each milking and a thorough accounting system is in use for every department of the farm.

William Campion Winfield. The Winfield family has been in the Mahoning Valley for nearly three-quarters of a century, and for the same length of time it has been closely identified with the industrial and civic history of the region. The original Winfield settler of the Mahoning Valley was John Winfield, father of William C. Winfield, whose name heads this review, who located at Canfield, the first county seat of Mahoning County, in 1845. He was born in England in 1811, and there learned the machinist's trade. Coming to the United States as a young man, he went to work at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a finisher of surgical and dental instruments, fine shears and cutlery of all kinds. He was not only an expert machinist and "whitesmith," but possessed considerable inventive genius, and while at Philadelphia he invented a machine for making lead pipe in continuous length, and during 1849-50, perfected a self-cocking, revolving cylinder revolver, both of the above having been among the first in their line ever made in this country. While still living at Philadelphia John Winfield was married to Mary Campion, also born in England, in 1807, who came to the United States when a young lady.

From Philadelphia John Winfield and his wife went to Saint Louis, Missouri, and thence to Alton, Illinois, he working at his trade in both cities, also having his own shop and a retail store at Alton. From Alton John Winfield then came to Canfield, Ohio, as above stated, and here he continued work at his trade for a number of years. From Canfield he finally moved to Hubbard, Trumbull County, where he died in 1879. His widow survived him many years, dying in 1893.

During the Mexican war John Winton worked in the Allegheny Arsenal at Pittsburgh, making muskets, and during the Civil war he worked in Pittsburgh making cannon.

William Campion Winfield, son of John and Mary (Campion) Winfield, was born at Alton, Illinois, on March 17, 1844, and was only a year old when the family migration brought him to Ohio and the Mahoning Valley, so that practically all of his long and useful life has been spent in this region. He was educated in the public schools of the county and the old Hines Academy at Canfield, and then learned the trade of a tinner, but had not completed his apprenticeship when war was declared between the North and the South. In 1862 he served in Company F, Forty-First Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a private for eleven months, and was honorably discharged at the close of his period of enlistment.

Returning to Canfield, Mr. Winfield worked at his trade there, and later at Salem, Ohio, and then in 1864 came to Warren, where he obtained employment with the firm of Fitch & Carry, pioneer tinsmiths of this city, for whom he worked as a journeyman, making steel pipes used in filling water locomotive tenders for the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, now the Erie System. In the latter part of 1864 he entered the business field for himself at Hubbard, manufacturing a full line of tinware, and made more tinware than was made at that time at any other point between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. He also operated wholesale and retail wagons for the sale of tinware. He remained there for the next

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seventeen years, but in 1882 returned to Warren, and during that year he organized the Winfield Manufacturing Company for the purpose of manufacturing, under his own patented inventions, oil tanks, family oil cans, tubular lanterns and kitchen lamps, the machinery for making these articles also being of his own invention. So successful did this concern become that in 1888 the business was incorporated, under the same name, with Mr. Winfield as president and superintendent, and he still holds these positions. On January 10, 1910, the Winfield Electric Welding Machine Company was incorporated with Mr. Winfield as president and superintendent, for the purpose of building electric welding machines under patented inventions of Mr. Winfield and A. B. Taylor, also connected with the above company. Under the skillful and practical supervision of Mr. Winfield both these companies have taken their rightful place among the important industrial plants of Warren, and he has achieved a gratifying success in his ventures, and is one of the inventors who has been able to profit to the utmost by the products of his genius.

In 1865 Mr. Winfield was married to Amanda Grimmesey, a daughter of John W. and Lucinda (Painter) Grimmesey, of Salem, Ohio, and she died on September 16, 1910, aged seventy-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Winfield became the parents of three children, namely: Grace, who was married to Grant W. Byard, of Warren, has a son, William B., and he served as a first lieutenant in the supply department at Camp Sherman during the great war; Luella, who married A. G. Ward, of Warren, who is manager of the Youngstown Ice Company, and William, who died at the age of nine years. On August 25, 1920, Mr. Winfield married Elizabeth Beecher, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Winfield is a Baptist in his religious views.

Harry M. Reel is a civil engineer of broad and successful experience, served many years as assistant city engineer in Youngstown, and is now secretary of the Youngstown Construction Company.

Mr. Reel was born at Youngstown in 1869, son of David and Emma (McKee) Reel. His father, whose people were Pennsylvania Dutch from the eastern part of that state, was born at Weathersfield in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1838. He tried to get into the Union Army at the time of the Civil war, but his services were rejected on account of an injury he had received in boyhood. He finished his education at Girard College, and about 1867 left the farm and moving to Youngstown became associated with Dan Moyer, under the name Reel & Moyer, in the mercantile business. They built the Reel & Moyer Block, and he continued active as a merchant for many years. He was also well known in official affairs, serving as a member of the City Council, as city treasurer, and was once republican candidate for mayor. His candidacy occurred at a time of democratic landslide, but his personal popularity nearly stemmed the partisan tide. He was a Mason, being a past master of Western Star Lodge, and was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. He died in September, 1917. His widow, now living in Youngstown at the age of seventy-six, is the daughter of John McKee, at one time a very prominent farmer and man of extensive means near Warren. David Reel and wife had the following children: Harry M.; Ella, wife of B. M. Campbell; Effie, wife of E. H. Williams, living in Washington; Fred, an accountant with the General Fireproofing Company at Youngstown; J. A., a rancher in Idaho; and David, superintendent of construction work at Miami, Florida.

Harry M. Reel is a graduate of the Rayen High School and as a boy clerked in his father's store. For a time he also lived in the state of Minnesota He acquired his early engineering experience in the engineering department of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, later with the Baltimore & Ohio, and finally in the general offices of the bridge and track department of the Pennsylvania Company at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Reel filled the post of first assistant city engineer at Youngstown for fifteen years. During that time he had charge of much of the important planning and development work in the city. He planned and supervised the building of the local mechanical filtration plant. Since coming with the Youngstown Construction Company Mr. Reel has merely shifted his interests from the planning and supervising to the practical construction end of municipal engineering. His company has graded, sewered and paved many streets in various parts of the city.

Mr. Reel married Miss Josephine Rowan, daughter of Theodore Rowan, of Cleveland. Their three children are Mary, David and John.

Novetus H. Chaney. To the fundamental duties of American education no Ohio school man has devoted himself, his talents and the energies of his life with greater fidelity and to more effective purpose than Novetus H. Chaney, who taught his first school at the age of fourteen and since 1902 has been the active head and superintendent of the city school system of Youngstown.

In view of his work and his real leadership Mr. Chaney might well be ascribed, and his friends would readily give him credit for an important share in the growth and development of Youngstown schools during the past seventeen years. A few figures will indicate graphically the growth of the local school system during that period. In 1902 the school population was 7,861, in 1919, 22,415. The staff of teachers in 1902 numbered 196, while now there are 590. There were eighteen buildings in 1902, while at present forty-five modern structures comprise the school plant. Seventeen years ago the famous Rayen High School was the crown of the educational system of the city, while now there are two large and efficient high schools, and the high school enrollment is 2,138 as against 450 pupils enrolled in 1902. As to the character of the work done in the high schools it is noteworthy that the graduates are credited without further examination to entrance in forty-two colleges throughout the Middle West and the East.

Novetus H. Chaney was born on a farm near New Vienna in Highland County, Ohio, March 4, 1856, son of John Alexander and Mary Catherine (Holmes) Chaney. His father was a native of

Pennsylvania and his mother of New Jersey. John A. Chaney was an Ohio farmer, and in his home community was a leader of the choir in the Methodist Church and a progressive democrat, though later he became a prohibitionist. He and his wife were married in Ohio and he died April 21, 1880, at the age of fifty-six, while his widow survived until 1913, and to the age of seventy-eight. Five of their children reached mature years, Jacob H., a farmer in Nebraska; Emma, wife of Elwood Ockerman, of Frankfort, Ohio; Novetus H.; Mrs. Cora Bell Ashlin, of Kansas; and Dr. Henry M., a dentist at London, Ohio.

Novetus H. Chaney received his early education at home, and the first school he attended was on his father's farm. After his boyhood days he paid the expenses of his higher education by his work as a teacher. He attended Wilmington College, a Friends institution at Wilmington, Ohio, and from 1892 to 1894 was a post-graduate student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He also took special courses in the University of Chicago and the University of Pennsylvania. While his first experience as a teacher was in a country school in Highland County, he was soon promoted to the responsibilities of a village school, and for four years was superintendent at Clarksville, spent over a year as superintendent at Blanchester, and from 1886 to 1898 was superintendent of schools at Washington Court House, Ohio, and from 1898 to 1902 was city superintendent at Chillicothe. Mr. Chaney is a member of the National Education Association, the Ohio State Teachers' Association, which he served as president in 1904-05, and was a member of the State Board of School Examiners from 1908 to 1913. He has served as a trustee of the Youngstown Young Men's Christian Association, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a Mason and Odd Fellow, a republican and a member of the Trinity Methodist Church.

August 12, 1880, he married Miss Anna R. Roush. They had three children: Mrs. Harry Greenwood, of Youngstown; Opal, at home; and Emma, deceased.

J. Arthur Ferris, proprietor of a prosperous electrical supply business at Youngstown, is widely known for his varied participation in the affairs of this city. August 4, 1919, he completed two successive and highly creditable terms as county clerk of Mahoning County.

Mr. Ferris was born at Perrysburg, New York, September 10, 1878, son of Joseph S. and Adaline (Oliver) Ferris. His father was a native of New York and his mother of Vermont, but their birthplaces were only separated by the waters of Lake Champlain. The father died December 24, 1899, at the age of seventy-four, and the mother on November 17, 1904, aged seventy-six. Joseph S. Ferris was a Union soldier and was with the armies under General Grant in the final Virginia campaigns. He and his family came to Ohio in 1881, locating at Andover in Ashtabula County. Both were members of the Congregational Church. In the family were seven children, four of whom are still living: R. A., who was a pioneer in western Canada, and is in the farm machinery, tractor and implement business at Calgary, Alberta; Mrs. Emma Prince, of Conneaut, Ohio, and Mrs. Jessie Flemming, of Cleveland; and J. Arthur, youngest of the family.

J. Arthur Ferris graduated from the Andover High School in Ohio at the age of eighteen. He has lived in this state since he was three years of age. There were circumstances in the family that made it necessary for him to take up serious responsibilities. His father for fifteen years was nearly blind, and the son Arthur during a great part of that time was the chief provider. After leaving high school he came to Youngstown and was glad to secure employment in a feed store at a dollar and a quarter a day. Later he learned the carpenter's trade and occasionally did some contracting. Later he became a mail carrier, and for ten years was in the service of the local postoffice. From his Federal duties he became chief deputy in the county clerk's office and after two terms he was chosen by the people of Mahoning County as county clerk. As noted above, his second term in that office concluded in August, 1919.

Three years ago Mr. Ferris established an electrical supply house at 8 and 10 Homer Court on the south side. He began with one helper, and now does a very extensive business, requiring fifteen expert workmen.

Mr. Ferris married December 24, 1898, Elizabeth Renninger, daughter of Fred C. Renninger, of Youngstown. Their two children are Frank F. and Betty. Mr. Ferris and wife attend the Christian Science Church. He is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner, is a past grand of the Odd Fellows, and past chief patriarch of its Encampment, and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and in politics is a republican.

Chase Tomson Truesdale, a former county treasurer of Mahoning County, and a lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley, is president of the South Side Savings Bank at Youngstown, and is a man of varied important connections with commercial affairs.

He was born at Austintown September 29, 1855, son of John R. and Mary (Tomson) Truesdale. His father was born in the Austintown community in 1820, and spent his active life as a farmer. He also had an official record, serving twice as infirmary director of Mahoning County, and in 1866 was elected county treasurer and re-elected in 1868. He held that office just forty years before his son. He died at Canfield in 1879. His wife was born in 1822 and died in 1903. Her father, Cornelius Tomson, was a native of Connecticut and married Mary Kyle. Their marriage was celebrated in the old stone house which is still standing on the bluff just opposite Idora Park, the ground of said park having originally been part of the old Tomson homestead. John R. Truesdale and wife were members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and after his death she worshiped with the Presbyterian denomination. They were the parents of six children, and the three now living are Mrs. A. P. Webb, Mrs. Frank D. Klotz, and Chase T. The deceased are: Clark, who was a structural iron worker with the Youngstown Bridge Company and died at Poland at the age of sixty-

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four; Ella, who was the wife of W. S. Johnston, of Buffalo; and Charles, who was born in 1857, was an iron worker and died in 1888.

Chase Tomson Truesdale attended school at Austintown, and spent his early life on a farm. From the duties and responsibilities of the fields he went to work in the City Mills for Homer Baldwin in 1880. With that old industry, a landmark in Youngstown, he was connected continuously for twenty-seven years. Mr. Truesdale was elected to represent the fourth ward in the City Council in 1900, and held that office four years, after which he was elected to the council at large. He resigned when elected country treasurer in 1906, and by re-election in 1908 served two terms. Mr. Truesdale upon the organization of the South Side Savings Bank in 1914 became its president, and has wisely guided the affairs of that institution in the intervening years. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 1883 he married Maria Wooldridge, who was born in Cleveland in 1856. They have one daughter, Bessie.

William M. Henderson is a general contractor and builder of municipal works, and as such his reputation is widely extended over Ohio and other adjoining states.

Mr. Henderson, who has spent most of his life in Youngstown, was born at Coatbridge, Scotland, in 1868, son of William and Justinia (McKenzie) Henderson. The family came from Scotland to Youngstown in 1872. William Henderson, Sr., for forty-five years was a puddler in the employ of the Brown-Bonnell plant. He was also a prominent member of the Methodist Church. He died at Youngstown in 1914 at the age of seventy-two, and his widow survived until May 23, 1920, dying at the age of seventy-three. There were seven children: William M.; Isabel B., of Youngstown; Mary A., wife of J. A. Heasley, of Warren; Barbara, wife of Robert J. Nicholson, a Youngstown attorney; John A., in the automobile business at Warren; A. M., a lawyer and president of the Henderson Construction Company; and James, who is treasurer and general manager of the Henderson-Overland Company.

William M. Henderson attended the Wood Street and Oak Street public schools in Youngstown, and as a youth found his first regular employment in the Brown-Bonnell plant. He worked in different departments of that industry, and later became a bookkeeper for Stambaugh-Thompson. For fifteen years Mr. Henderson was in the hardware business at Warren, and since then has been actively engaged in contracting. Some of the important municipal contracts he has handled comprised the building of the Youngstown Filter Plant, the Spring Common Viaduct, the East Youngstown Filter Plant, and the filter plant at Sandusky. For five years he was associated with Thomas Lightbody in contracting. He is also president of the Henderson-Overland Company at Youngstown.

Mr. Henderson married Miss Jessie Lightbody in 1892. Her father, Thomas Lightbody, who came to Youngstown from Yonkers, New York, was for many years a successful contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have one son, Robert L. who was in the United States Navy during the World war. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and he is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner and an Elk, also a member of the Commercial Travelers and the Chamber of Commerce.

Thomas Murray, Jr., secretary of the Youngstown Builders' Exchange, is an ex-soldier, and is a young business man of wide experience and long and favorably known in this city.

He was born at Youngstown in 1889, son of Thomas and Mary (McGraw) Murray. His father, who was born in the south of Ireland in 1855, was seven years of age when his people came to Youngstown, where he has lived now for over half a century. For many years he was employed "on the rolls" at the Cartwright Mills. His wife is a native of Youngstown, and both are faithful members of St. Columba's Catholic Church. Of their children, Irene is the wife of Philip Grace, an employe at the Steel Mills; Anna is the wife of H. L. Hendrickson, manager of the Moon-Hopkins Adding Machine Company at Cleveland; Helen F. is the widow of Robert Cantwell, who was a real estate dealer at Youngstown; and Frank A. died in childhood.

Thomas Murray, Jr., received his early education in St. Columba's parochial schools and graduated from the Rayen High School in 1909. From high school he became yard clerk for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, but left the railroad to take charge of the books for the Concrete, Sand and Gravel Company. He was with that corporation eight years, and rose to the post and responsibilities of manager, secretary and treasurer of the company. He resigned to do his bit in the war. In December, 1917, he was sent to New Orleans, and was trained with the heavy artillery. He went to France with the Sixty-Fourth Coast Artillery Corps, and his regiment had been scheduled for front line duty about the time the armistice was signed. He served in the grades of corporal, sergeant and gun commander.

Mr. Murray arrived home April 10, 1919, and after his honorable discharge was appointed to his present duties as secretary of the Builders' Exchange, a work for which his previous experience furnishes him splendid qualifications. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, the Rotary Club and the Poland Country Club.

George Brooks Gilbert, an old and honored citizen of Niles, who earned a record of conspicuous gallantry in the Civil war, has been a business man for half a century and a resident of Niles for over twenty years.

He was born at Bridgeport in Belmont County, Ohio, April 3, 1847, son of John and Susannah (Brooks) Gilbert, his mother being of Scotch-Irish descent. John Gilbert was a shoe merchant and spent his active life at Bridgeport. The mother lived to the age of eighty-four. George Brooks Gilbert was educated in his home town and at the age of fifteen enlisted in Company G of the Fifteenth Ohio Infantry and saw 3½ years of active service. He participated in his first battle at Perryville, Kentucky, in the same year he enlisted. He was wounded in the arm at Resaca, and had previously been cap-

tured at Stone River and had the experience of six months' confinement in Libby prison. After being exchanged he rejoined his command in time to participate in the battle of Missionary Ridge and in the Atlanta campaign until wounded. Incapacitated, he again rejoined his regiment and fought in the battle of Nashville toward the close of the war. He has been a member of three Grand Army Posts, T. J. Mercer Post at Chester Hill, J. C. Fremont Post at Alliance, and McPherson Post at Niles.

Since the war George B. Gilbert has followed mercantile pursuits, at first a a shoe merchant, later as a Singer sewing machine agent at Niles, and then again in the shoe business, but is now retired. He made his home at Niles in 1898. He is a republican, and is affiliated with Mount Olive Lodge of Masons at Chester Hill.

At Chester Hill, Ohio, December 22, 1867, George B. Gilbert married Mary Salina Dutton, a daughter of William and Sarah (Matson) Dutton. Her father was of English Quaker ancestry, a direct descendant from the Marquis of Dutton, who left his estate in England to join William Penn at Philadelphia. Sarah Matson was a Virginian by birth, of German-English ancestry of the Lutheran faith. One of her ancestors was Conrad Kremer, a member of Washington's bodyguard. William Dutton was a son of Robert Dutton, one of the first two to vote the abolitionist ticket in Harrison County, Ohio, and as a child William assisted his father in carrying food to the slaves on the Underground Railway. William Dutton died at the age of sixty-seven and his wife at the age of eighty-four.

Three sons and one daughter were born to the marriage of George B. Gilbert and wife. All three sons became identified with the Standard Boiler & Plate Iron Company of Niles. Alice May Gilbert, the daughter, is a teacher in the Niles High School and lives at home. Edgar Allan Gilbert, who was president and manager of the Standard Boiler & Plate Iron Company of Niles, died April 28, 1920. William Raymond Gilbert, assistant manager of the Standard Boiler & Plate Iron Company, is unmarried and lives at home. George Ralph, engineer of the company, married Christine Thorpe, of Warren, and has two children, Bernard Ralph and Ray Travis.

Edgar Allan Gilbert, who died April 28, 1920, had over a quarter century of experience in the steel pipe manufacturing industry of Eastern Ohio, and though his career was cut short before he was fifty his ability and leadership had become widely recognized in the Mahoning Valley. He was founder, president and manager of the Standard Boiler and Plate Iron Company of Niles.

Edgar Allan Gilbert was born at Chester Hill in Morgan County, Ohio, December 5, 1870. His father is George B. Gilbert of Niles, whose life is reviewed on other pages. To the age of twenty Edgar Allan Gilbert lived in his native town. For two years he was a student in the Ohio State University, and when he left college he returned home, his parents then residing at Alliance. Mr. Gilbert in 1894 entered the drafting department of Reeves Brothers, steel plate manufacturers, and his two years' experience with that firm opened the way for what proved a steady career in plate manufacture. In 1897 he removed to Niles and with two others organized the Niles Boiler Company, serving the company first as engineer and later as manager. In 1905 he organized the Standard Boiler and Plate Iron Company, associated with his brothers, and had the active management of this concern from the time it was a modern plant until it ranked as one of the leading industries of the kind in the Mahoning Valley. From January 24, 1910, until his death Mr. Gilbert also had the executive duties of president of the corporation. His residence at Niles was dignified by other service than in a purely industrial way. For fourteen years he was a member of the school board, part of the time as president. During the World war he was a member of the local draft board. He was one of the two to arrange for the dedicatory services of the McKinley Memorial. Other active interests were represented by his affiliation as a stanch republican, as a member of the Masonic order, the Sons of Veterans, the Chamber of Commerce and the Niles Club.

Many friends and business associates felt a keen sense of loss in his death, which was a special tragedy in the home he loved so well. May 20, 1896, he married Miss Myrtle Harrison, of Alliance, Ohio. Their three children are Edgar Allan, Jr., Dorothy Irene and Beatrice Marian. All the children are graduates of the Niles High School and the daughters are graduates with the class of 1920 from the Emma Willard School for Girls at Troy, New York. The son, Edgar A., Jr., graduated in 1920 from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

William W. Marshall. A man of recognized worth and integrity, possessing unquestioned business ability, William W. Marshall, county treasurer of Mahoning County, is a fine representative of the native-born citizens of Youngstown, his birth having occurred April 19, 1875, on the lot where he now lives.

His father, William H. Marshall, a son of Grover and Martha Ann (Anderson) Marshall, was born in Weathersfield, Trumbull County, Ohio, and there and in Girard spent the earlier years of his life. For a number of years he was an engineer, being first employed on the Erie Railroad, and later on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railway. After leaving the railroad he was employed as engineer for a time at the Bessemer Steel Plant, continuing with that company until his death October 10, 1903, at the early age of fifty-seven years. Although a stanch republican in politics, he cast one vote during his life for a democrat, and ever after regretted it. Fraternally he belonged to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and to the Grand Army of the Republic. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Sophia Walters, two sons were born, as follows: Fred B., master mechanic at the Columbia Steel Plant in Pittsburg, California; and William W. The mother died May 12, 1918, aged sixty-six years.

Acquiring his elementary education in Youngstown, William W. Marshall was graduated from the

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Covington Street School in 1889. Interested in telegraphy, he with five of his boy friends, Clyde Rigby, Maurice Dickson, Lynn Way, Clifford Cover and John Fairbanks, erected a wire connecting various homes, and in operating it soon became skilful telegraphers, and later secured excellent positions as such. William W. Marshall, the subject of this sketch, entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company as telegraph operator, and during the twenty-eight years he remained in that capacity became very expert, and is regarded as a wizard at the wire. The nominee of the republican party for county treasurer at the election held in 1918, he was elected county treasurer of Mahoning County, and is performing the duties devolving upon him in that office with characteristic ability and fidelity. He has held several positions with the Erie Railroad Company, having served in the accounting department, and at the termination of his services was crew despatcher.

On June 29, 1918, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Anna K., daughter of Louis Lockhart, of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the Belmont Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Marshall belongs to Mahoning Lodge No. 52, Knights of Pythias, and having been through all the chairs of the local organization is a member of the Grand Lodge. He is likewise affiliated by membership with the Protected Home Circle, and with the Loyal Order of Moose.

Charles F. Henry. Plumbing in these days of modern methods can scarce be classed as a trade, but should rank with the arts and sciences, so much skill and deftness being required in the business, which is one of major importance, and with which Charles F. Henry of Youngstown is actively associated, being one of the best known and busiest plumbers of the city. He was born in Weathersfield, Trumbull County, Ohio, February 5, 1872, a son of Jacob Henry, who was brought from Germany, his native land, to the United States by his parents while he was yet an infant.

Brought up in Pennsylvania, Jacob Henry engaged in mining when young, and while living in Weathersfield was superintendent of the Packard Mines. Coming from there to Youngstown, he was "mine host" at the old Germania Hotel for a time, later, under Marshal Cowley, serving on the police force until his death in 1901, at the age of fifty-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Rachel Krimmer, survived him, marrying for her second husband Charles Pettit, of Youngstown.

Brought up on the west side of Youngstown, Charles F. Henry attended the Wood and Front Street schools, paying good attention to his lessons during the long terms, and being just a boy during the vacations, swimming and fishing at the dam. At the age of fifteen years he began working in the steel plants, and at the age of eighteen years entered the employ of L. B. Scheibel, a Youngstown pioneer, and one of its best citizens, and under his instruction served an apprenticeship at the plumber's trade, becoming an expert and skillful workman. After working for Mr. Scheibel nineteen years, and becoming acquainted with every detail concerning the different branches of plumbing, Mr. Henry established himself in business on his own account, opening a shop on Market Street, and has met with unquestioned success in his venture, having installed plumbing in many of the larger buildings and residences of the Mahoning Valley, his work being invariably satisfactory, both to himself and to his patrons.

Mr. Henry married, September 5, 1900, Bessie, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Cole) Sutton, and they have one child, Myrtle Henry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry are worthy members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically Mr. Henry supports the principles of the republican party by voice and vote. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Shrine; and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Builders' Exchange.

J. Howard Bothwell. Having made a special study of the science of electricity, the immense power of which is as yet but little understood, J. Howard Bothwell, proprietor of the Bothwell Electrical Shop, at No. 7 Wick Avenue, is a skillful workman, and has contributed his full quota toward equipping with electrical conveniences and devices houses, schools, churches, banks and public and private business buildings in both Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he grew to manhood in Louisville, Kentucky, where he secured a good education, first attending the Hill schools evenings, and later studying at the Taylor Institute, earning the money to pay his tuition therein.

Since coming to Youngstown Mr. Bothwell has taken many special courses of study along electrical lines, one course having been in the Young Men's Christian Association, which furnishes exceptionally fine educational advantages to the youths of this generation. Having acquired a good technical knowledge of electricity and a grip full of needed tools, he started in business on his own account, locating first at the old Wick Homestead on Market Street. Succeeding from the first, Mr. Bothwell has since made many moves, each change having been to more commodious quarters and brought about by his extensive and constantly growing business. He has supplied the electrical work in the Young Men's Christian Association Building; in the Hippodrome Theatre; the McElroy Building; all of the Jewish temples of the city; many of the churches and public schools; and many of the better class of private residences; and has worked in various other places in the state, having wired many residences and public buildings in Ravenna, Ohio, and having installed all of the electric conveniences of Hiram College.

Public spirited and influential, Mr. Bothwell takes an intelligent interest in city, county and state affairs, his special effort, however, being to establish and maintain decency in politics. Prominent in Masonry, he belongs to Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias; of the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, of the Youngstown Engineers' Club, of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Builders' Exchange, of the Kiwanis Club; and has served as president of the or-

ganization of Ohio Contractors. He played his part in the activities of the recent World war and was a member of the American Detective Association, formed during that period to detect disloyalty wherever it might be lurking.

Mr. Bothwell married, in 1911, Pearl M. Moreman, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Moreman, and they are the parents of three children, Mildred, J. Howard, Jr., and Marjory. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bothwell are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Adam L. Wymer. Without question Adam L. Wymer is one of the most widely experience, competent and expert men in the general building trades located at Youngstown. There is hardly any type of construction work and hardly any material in which he has not had ample and successful experience. Mr. Wymer is president of the Wymer-Harris Construction Company, general contractors, at Youngstown. While his career has been an unusually successful one, his friends further emphasize his sterling character as an American citizen, one who believes and practices that the welfare of his country and its people is superior to all personal and private considerations.

Mr. Wymer was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1864, son of Adam and Nancy (Shiever) Wymer, both now deceased. His father was a Pennsylvania soldier in the Union armies during the Civil war, being a member of Company C, One Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, known as the Roundheads. He spent his active career as a farmer, and about 1873 moved with his family from Pennsylvania to Lowellville, Ohio. He died in 1910, at the age of seventy-four.

Adam L. Wymer was one of a large family of children. He acquired his education partly in Pennsylvania and partly at Lowellville, Ohio. As a boy he showed not only ability to work but an unlimited energy and initiative. Mr. Wymer has never sought the easy part. Several years he worked in the woods and in lumber camps, increased his experience in shops and mills, has built roads, bridges, residences, shops and mills, churches and theaters, and has not only used lumber, but concrete, stone and brick as materials of construction. He has a technical knowledge of practically every phase of the building game, and is also competent on the commercial side in making, handling and carrying out of contracts. He has dealt with all kinds of people and has been interested in politics both as a voter and office holder. Through varied fortunes and experiences he has kept his rudder true, and people esteem him for his reliability and integrity as much as for his business success.

From 1882 to 1887 Mr. Wymer was employed in the shop of the Morse Bridge Company. After that he was with the Variety Iron Works of Cleveland, and subsequently worked for the Shiffler Bridge Company of Pittsburgh and with the Youngstown Bridge Company as superintendent of erection, and finally with the American Bridge Company. For these corporations he performed work in all parts of the United States. Later he began contracting individually and in the Wymer-Harris Construction Company he has built up an organization adequate to handle practically every branch of general contracting, including the erecting and repairing of bridge and structural work, all kinds of concrete work, paving, etc.

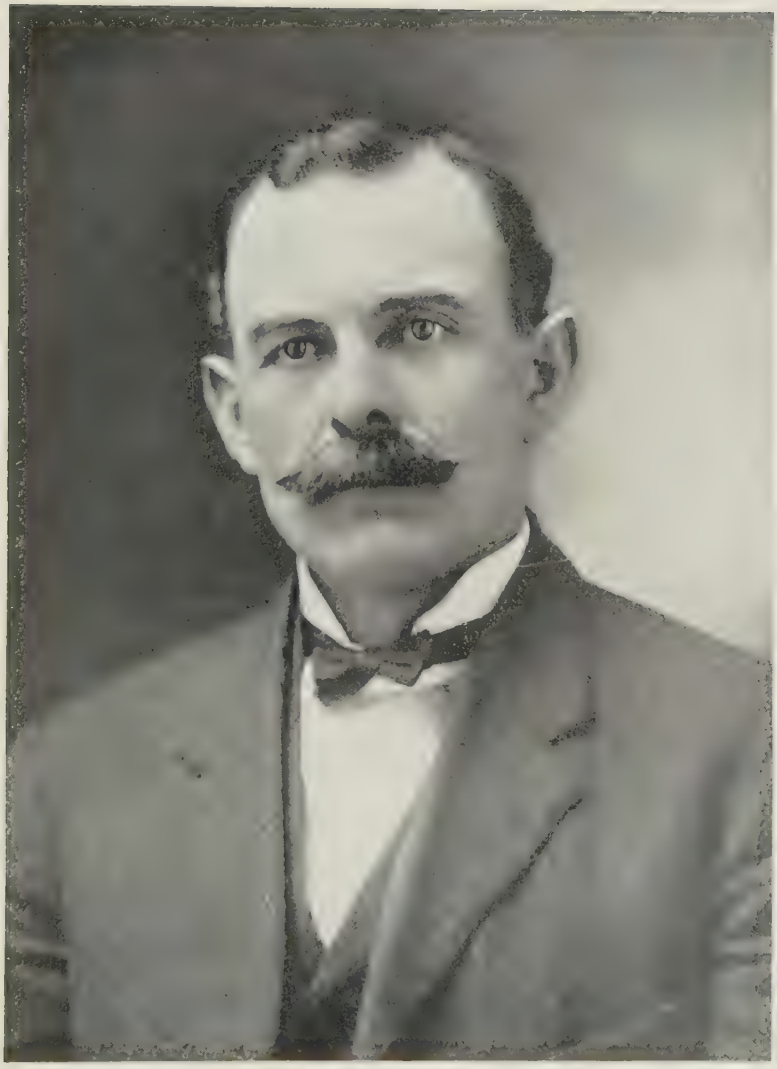
Mr. Wymer has served the county of Mahoning two terms as county commissioner, part of the time as chairman of the board. He was also a member of the commission which erected the magnificent court house at Youngstown. He is a republican, and his services as an organizer have brought much good to his party in Mahoning County. Several years ago he was president of the Republican Club, and when he resigned the club was strong in membership and on a sound financial basis.

In 1888 Mr. Wymer married Miss Mary Boag, daughter of Robert Boag, and a native of Scotland. At her death she left three children: Robert, who married Dorothy Johnson, and they have one child, Robert, Jr.; Nellie E., wife of J. H. Hallberg, of Youngstown; and Mary E., wife of D. Gordon Phillips. Mr. Wymer is deservedly proud of the record of his son Robert, now secretary of the Wymer-Harris Construction Company. Early in the war with Germany he entered Camp Sherman, later was sent to Camp Grant, and went overseas to France with the Thirty-fifth Engineers. He was in France fifteen months, most of the time engaged in railroad construction. He returned to this country in April, 1919, and received his honorable discharge on the 15th of May.

In 1900 Mr. Wymer married Mary E. Richards, daughter of James Richards. They have four children, Christina Virginia, James Monroe, Theodore Roosevelt and Doris June. The family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wymer is a charter member of Haselton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and is also affiliated with the Red Men, Sons of Veterans, Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Elks. He has built many houses on his own account and while housing has been at a premium he has patriotically restrained from anything that might suggest profiteering and has held rents down to a figure considerably below the scale which would reflect the unusual demand. At the present time Mr. Wymer is constructing a number of summer homes on Lake Erie at Conneaut, Ohio.

Ray C. Millikin. Notable among the fine stock farms of the Mahoning Valley is the Maryvale Farm in Hubbard Township of Trumbull County. The general manager is Ray C. Millikin, whose long training and study have made him an expert in animal husbandry and the practical dairy industry.

The owner of the Maryvale Farm is Jonathan Warner. The farm is seven miles north of Youngstown and comprises 400 acres in a body. Jerseys and Shorthorn cattle, Percheron horses and Shropshire sheep have given the chief reputation to Maryvale. Dairying is an incidental but profitable feature. The farm has exhibited many fine Jersey cattle and Percheron horses. It owned Oxford Majesty's Gipsy, the only Jersey cow to win two Grand Championships in succession. At the head of the Shorthorn herd is Imp. Queen's Guard, also a champion winner, and the Great Imp. Stallion Mitral, who was never



Adam L. Wymer

defeated in competition in France or America. Logosea is a grand champion mare, and there are altogether seven thoroughbred Percheron mares.

Mr. Millikin assumed the responsibilities of general manager of Maryvale in September, 1919, after a previous year of subordinate service on the farm. He has eight assistants under him. For at least a quarter of a century his work has been handling and breeding registered livestock.

He was born in Champion Township of Trumbull County, November 9, 1879, a son of George W. and Mary J. (Creed) Millikin. His father, who was born in Ontario, Canada, June 5, 1845, came as a boy to Ohio with his parents, Alexander and Mary J. Millikin, who settled in North Bloomfield Township, where they lived to old age. George Millikin about 1882 located on a farm on the Canfield road just outside the City of Youngstown, and for a quarter of a century was a successful breeder of Hereford beef cattle and Holstein dairy stock. He made a high reputation as a breeder and was frequently appointed judge at county and state fairs. About six years ago he moved into the City of Youngstown and was elected a member of the Council, taking his seat January 1, 1920. In that post of honor he died February 17, 1920. He was a republican. His widow is living at home on Williamson Avenue. There are three children: Bert A., Maude, wife of P. B. Riblet, of Youngstown, and Ray.

Ray Millikin after getting his education continued in business with his father for several years. He then entered the milk business as a producer and distributor, and for five years helped supply the Youngstown market with pure milk. For a year he was connected with the Walter Brown Stockfarm, and then came to Maryvale. At the age of twenty-four he married Miss Nina Crum, of Frederick, Maryland. They have four children: Madeline Margaret, Harry Leroy, Walter Crum and George W.

Gustave Kahn was one of Youngstown's prominent industrial men called to the service of the Government during the late war. He has long been prominent in the iron and steel industry, and rose from steam fitter's apprentice to his present responsibilities as vice president and general manager of sales of the Truscon Steel Company.

He was born in a Rhine province of Germany, March 17, 1871. When he was five years of age his parents, Joseph and Rosalie (Cohen) Kahn, removed to Luxemburg, and six years later came to America in order to better their condition and give their children the opportunities of growing up in a land of liberty. Gustave Kahn as a boy appreciated what it meant to be an American, and, thoroughly in sympathy in ideals and practice with our American institutions, he has been at pains to rear his own children in the faith of undiluted Americanism.

He spent his own boyhood from the age of ten at Detroit and attended public schools there. When eleven he began earning his own living as cash boy in a department store. Later he worked in an optical store. At the age of fifteen he was peddling spectacles and jewelry through the country. Desiring to have a permanent line, he started to learn steam fitting, and the skill he showed in that trade promoted him to foreman of the establishment where he was employed. Later he engaged in business for himself at Detroit, and subsequently was manager of sales for the Detroit Furnace and Heater Company, and finally sales engineer for the American Blower Company.

At the organization of the Truscon Steel Company in 1898 Mr. Kahn had an active part in putting the affairs of the company on a sound basis, and subsequently was made sales manager of the Canadian company. Eventually he became president and general manager of that plant. His home has been in Youngstown since 1914 and his duties those of vice president and general manager of sales of the Truscon Steel Company.

During the period of the war he spent much of his time in Washington without remuneration, serving on the Board of Four which represented all the concrete steel industry of the country. Mr. Kahn is a member of the Masonic Order, is a Rotarian, and a member of the Rodef Sholem congregation.

Mr. Kahn is deservedly proud of his fine family. On July 27, 1898, he married Fannie Mandelbaum Sloman, of Detroit. Their five children are named Cheri, Frederick, Leon, Dorothy and Arnold. Cheri is now a mechanical engineer with the Morgan-Wright Company of Detroit. Frederick graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis and is now an ensign in the United States Navy. Leon is a student in the Kemper Military Institute of Boonville, Missouri; Dorothy is attending St. Joseph's Academic High School at Youngstown, while Arnold is a student in the Yale Preparatory School.

Henry H. Hoffman. Steadily through a period of nearly thirty years Henry H. Hoffman has held faithfully to one occupation and position of service in Niles, that of a retail dry goods merchant. His career has been one of more than ordinary success, proportionate to the persistence and energy he has put into it.

His place of business is easily identified as the establishment of the H. H. Hoffman Company. This is a concern of long and honorable history at Niles. It was established many years ago by W. A. Thomas & Brothers, was subsequently conducted under the firm name of Thomas & Hoffman, the partners being Ira A. Thomas and Henry H. Hoffman, and still later was incorporated as the Thomas & Hoffman Company in 1906. Since 1908 the H. H. Hoffman Company has been the corporate title. It has always been a distinctively retail dry goods store, and the business at present operates on a capital of fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Henry H. Hoffman is president and treasurer, while the two other members are his second cousins, Frank O. Hoffman, vice president, and Homer H. Hoffman, secretary. The younger members began their connection with the business as clerks when it was known as the Thomas & Hoffman Company. Upon the organization of the H. H. Hoffman Company they became financially interested.

Henry H. Hoffman, who came to Niles in November, 1892, was born on a farm in Columbiana County, Ohio, near Alliance, January 15, 1872. His parents were Henry T. and Susannah (Weaver) Hoffman, the former a contractor and builder. Many of the red

barns for which Columbiana County is famous were constructed by him. Henry H. Hoffman was six months old when his mother was killed by a bolt of lightning, and he was reared in the home of his uncle, John W. Weaver. As a boy he had experiences helping work a farm, and acquired his education in the neighboring district schools. He early learned telegraphy, though he never followed the trade to any extent. The foundation of his business career was laid as clerk in the wholesale dry goods and notions house of George Ickes of Alliance. Later, through the influence and persuasion of W. A. Thomas, he came to Niles, and for about a quarter of a century has been identified with the business first established by the Thomas Brothers. Mr. Hoffman is also vice president of the McKinley Savings & Loan Company and a director in the Niles Trust Company.

He has taken part in those organizations of business men and citizens designed to promote the social and material welfare of the city, including the Niles Club, the Trumbull Country Club, the Niles Chamber of Commerce. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Presbyterian Church. June 25, 1895, Mr. Hoffman married Miss Pearl M. Tibbetts, of Niles.

Francis M. Lillie. Of those improvements that make the modern city, including sewer systems, paved streets, water works and other technical engineering undertakings, undoubtedly the foremost authority on Youngstown's development during the past thirty years is Francis M. Lillie, the present city engineer. Mr. Lillie has been identified with the city engineering department of the Youngstown government since the early '90s, and has been a resident of the city since 1881.

He was born at Bainbridge in Geauga County, Ohio, February 15, 1855, son of William A. and Laura (Roberts) Lillie. His father was a native of Connecticut and of early French Huguenot ancestry. The Lillie family was planted in New England as early as 1640 and for many generations their home was in Connecticut. William A. Lillie was a student and reader all his life, and his intellectual inclinations first led him to prepare for the bar, but he abandoned that and became a minister of the Christian Church. After leaving Geauga County he bought a farm on Mentor Plains in Lake County, Ohio, and for a few years before his death, which occurred in 1887, when he was seventy-one years of age, he lived at Willoughby, Ohio. He was a very stanch republican in politics. His first wife, Laura Roberts, died in 1864 and he afterwards married Orissa Waite, of Willoughby.

Francis M. Lillie was one of a family of two sons and four daughters. His only living sister is Florence, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota. Francis M. Lillie attended country schools in Lake County, and graduated from Oberlin College in 1880. While graduation from that institution meant that he was well equipped with a liberal education, it was immediately necessary for him to get into business or some self sustaining work. In search of an opportunity he came to Youngstown. The optimistic spirit of the people of that then village impressed him strongly and favorably, and nothing in subsequent years has changed his early opinions of the community or daunted his loyalty to his home city. He was first employed here in railroad construction on the Pittsburg & Western, when that road was being built by C. H. Andrews from Youngstown to Akron. Later he was with the Department of Maintenance in the Pennsylvania Railroad four years, and resigned railroad work to become assisstant to the city engineer of Youngstown. He entered upon the duties of that office in 1891, and has been steadily employed in studying and solving the engineering problems of the city ever since.

Some items from his individual experience give a graphic idea of the growth of Youngstown during the last thirty years. In that time the sewerage system has been built from a total length of 18 miles to 180 miles, while 12 miles of paved streets in 1890 has now been lengthened to 158 miles. Mr. Lillie planned and constructed the filter plant, one of the first in the United States, and the model for many others. He also planned the Milton dam, creating the reservoir that furnishes Youngstown its pure water. Youngstown when he came here had about 15,000 population and the only means of getting from the Crab Creek district to Brier Hill was by horse car.

In 1900 Mr. Lillie married Mary Whitehead, daughter of William Whitehead. Their three children are Laura, Anna Belle and Eleanor. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie are members of the Unitarian Church and fraternally he is a Mason.

George Clermont Braden. Prominent among the men who have been factors in the remarkable growth and development of Warren during the present decade is George C. Braden, who, as an individual and as secretary of the Board of Trade, has unselfishly labored to promote the welfare of the city both as an industrial and business center and as a home-owning community.

The Braden family has been in America for over 100 years and in the Mahoning Valley for four generations. The American ancestor of the family was Andrew Braden, who was a native of County Fermanagh, Ireland, born in 1756. He married Mary Wallace in 1796, and immigrated in 1816, landing at St. Johns, New Brunswick. Six weeks after landing he proceeded to Philadelphia, later going to Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and made permanent settlement near Old Brighton, that county. He had learned and worked at the tanners' trade in Ireland, and he continued to work at his trade in this country.

George Braden, son of Andrew and Mary (Wallace) Braden, was born in Ireland, and was a boy when the family came to America. He learned the making of brick and cutting of stone at Old Brighton, Pennsylvania, and in 1828 he came into the Mahoning Valley. Later on he bought a farm of 165 acres in Greene Township, Trumbull County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Sarah McCartney.

James Braden, son of George and Sarah (McCartney) Braden, was born on the Braden farm in Greene Township in 1840 and died in 1914. He married Miriam Cory, the daughter of Cyrus Cory,

F. M. Lillie.

who was a native of Vermont, from which state he came to Trumbull County at an early date. She was born in Greene Township in 1841 and died in 1911. James Braden was a farmer and cheese manufacturer. He marketed his cheese at Warren, Niles, Youngstown and, in fact, all over the Mahoning Valley, and both he and his products became widely and favorably known. In August, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Civil war until mustered out in July, 1865.

George C. Braden, son of James and Miriam (Cory) Braden, was born in the Braden homestead on August 8, 1868. He was educated in the schools of Cortland and Warren, and taught public school for four years. From 1890 to 1903 he was engaged in newspaper work. He was elected and re-elected as a republican county recorder, serving from 1904 to 1908, inclusive. The election of Gen. Charles Dick to the United States Senate caused a vacancy in the lower house of Congress, to fill which vacancy the Hon. W. Aubrey Thomas, of Niles, was nominated for the unexpired term, and Mr. Braden was closely identified with Mr. Thomas' interests during the campaign and after election became his private secretary, and so continued until 1910, in which year he was appointed postmaster at Warren. He served as postmaster for five years, and it was during that time the Warren Board of Trade was reorganized and Mr. Braden was asked to become its secretary. At the same time Mr. O. R. Grimmesey was chosen president of the organization. Both accepted the positions and both have since continued at the head of the board, in the work of which they have rendered invaluable and unselfish service to the board and through it to the city, and the board of directors has shown its appreciation of its president and secretary by declining to elect their successors. Each year the board holds its annual meeting, at which its officers should be elected, and Messrs. Grimmesey and Braden tender their resignations, but each time the meeting is adjourned without action being taken on the question of the election, or even of a re-election of a president and secretary.

Through his work as secretary of the Board of Trade Mr. Braden has greatly contributed to the growth and welfare of Warren, and it is generally agreed that to his efforts, as much as to those of any other one man, the city is indebted for its development into a business and industrial center second to no city of its size in the entire country.

Mr. Braden's business interests are extensive and diversified. He was one of the incorporators of the Wick Securities Company, which built the Arcade Building, the Market House and the Wick, March and Braden blocks. He was one of the incorporators of The Hippodrome Building Company, which built the Hippodrome office and theater block; he was one of the incorporators and is treasurer of the Electric City Realty Company which built the Electric Block; he was one of the incorporators of the Warren Building & Investment Company, which was incorporated with a capital of $1,000,000, and which is building apartment houses and residences in an endeavor to solve the housing problem; he was one of the incorporators of and is treasurer of the Trumbull Securities Company, organized for the purpose of attracting outside capital to Warren for development purposes; he is a director in the Union Savings & Trust Company; he is secretary and treasurer of the Wick Securities Company, treasurer of the Electric City Realty Company, treasurer of the Warren Hippodrome Building Company and secretary of the Warren Building & Investment Company.

During the World war activities Mr. Braden served as secretary and one of the trustees of the Trumbull County War Chest Association, and also served as a member of the Trumbull County Food Committee.

He is a member of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Warren Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar, and Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland; Independence Lodge No. 98, Knights of Pythias, and Warren Lodge of Elks No. 295.

On September 17, 1887, Mr. Braden was united in marriage with Elizabeth Meredith, who was born at Hubbard, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Thomas) Meredith, and to them was born one son, Frank Charles Braden, who is now eastern salesmanager with headquarters in New York City, for the Victor Rubber Company of Springfield, Ohio. He married Grace Acheson, daughter of Joseph and Maude Acheson, of Warren, the father now deceased. To Frank C. Braden and wife a son and daughter have been born: George C. (II), and Elizabeth (II).

Anthony B. Calvin has rounded out twenty years of successful law practice and service on the bench at Youngstown. An important share of those honors that form the best reward for the able lawyer have come to Judge Calvin.

He was born in Mahoning County, March 13, 1877, son of Luther B. and Leah (Wisler) Calvin. The Calvins were pioneers of Mahoning County, while the Wislers were early settlers in Columbiana County.

Judge Calvin grew up on his father's farm, and his education in the district schools was supplemented by a high school course and in 1897 he graduated A. B. from Northeastern Ohio Normal College at Canfield. He read law with Judge J. R. Johnston of Youngstown, and in 1900 graduated LL. B. from the law school of the State University at Columbus. Upon his admission to the bar he returned to Youngstown and formed a partnership with Judge Johnston. This continued until 1905, when Mr. Calvin was elevated to the bench of the Criminal Court. For five years he had the heavy cares and responsibilities of administering that important branch of the local judiciary, and he performed his duties with the highest degree of credit and impartiality, but at the end of that time was not a candidate for re-election and took up the general practice of law, which he has continued now for ten years. He also served four years in the city council, being vice president of the body.

Since retiring from the bench Judge Calvin has practiced law with offices in the Wick Building. He has served as trustee of the Northeastern Ohio Normal College. A republican in politics, he is a member of the Masonic Order and other fraternal societies and of the Poland Country Club.

September 9, 1908, he married Miss Fern E. Um-

stead. Their only son, David U., born June 8, 1910, died October 31, 1916.

John C. Umstead, father of Mrs. Calvin, is a widely known citizen of Mahoning County, now retired and living at Pleasant Grove on the Market Street Extension. He was born in Goshen Township, Mahoning County, May 23, 1854, son of Robert F. and Minerva J. (Morris) Umstead. The Umsteads are descended from Holland Dutch ancestry who were early settlers in Pennsylvania. John C. Umstead attended the common schools of his native township, served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, and for a number of years conducted a smithy in the rural districts of Mahoning County. From the routine of a profitable business which he had built up by years of skillful work he was called in 1913 to the office of sheriff of Mahoning County, and in those responsibilities, involving many important duties, he served two terms of two years each and gave the tax payers of the county a most creditable administration. He is a republican and has served on the County Republican Committee several times. Fraternally he is a York and Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, is an Odd Fellow, and is a charter member of North Jackson Lodge No. 343, Knights of Pythias, in which he has held several of the chairs.

November 12, 1882, Mr. Umstead married Miss Jennie Bright, a native of Ohio. Their oldest child is Fern Ethel, wife of A. B. Calvin. Mrs. Umstead's maternal great-grandfather was Caleb Baldwin, who fought in the Revolutionary war. Her father was for three years a soldier during the Rebellion.

Rev. John Klute. While Youngstown now has a score or more of Catholic churches and other institutions, one of the oldest of the group is St. Joseph's, and likewise one of the oldest in continuous service of the local priesthood is its pastor, Rev. John Klute.

St. Joseph's Church was established to give a special place of worship for the Catholic Germans in Youngstown, who had formerly attended St. Columba's. About fifty families were comprised in the first parish as established in March, 1870, with Rev. Peter Becker as their first pastor. Father Becker secured the ground at Wick and West Rayen avenues, still the location of St. Joseph's. He put up a small brick church, dedicated in the summer of 1870. Father Becker was followed by several local pastors and at different times St. Joseph's was also conducted as a mission from Hubbard, until Rev. John Klute entered upon his long service in August, 1883.

A year or so previously the project of a new and larger church had been launched, the cornerstone having been laid by Bishop Gilmour on September 4, 1881. While the interior was incomplete, the church was in use from the fall of 1882. It was the labors and energy of Father Klute that rapidly transformed the building and made it a beautiful environment for religious worship. Early in his pastorate, on July 20, 1884, the church was dedicated by Bishop Gilmour. At that time the parish comprised only eighty families and the church was built at a cost of about $30,000. Father Becker had also established a parochial school in 1870, and the first church building was remodeled to serve as a school in 1883. In 1890 other ground for a school site was secured at a cost of over $8,000, and in 1893 a modern brick school, three stories, was completed at a cost of $15,000. The pastoral residence was built by Father Klute in 1900.

Rev. John Klute, who has been zealous in his work at Youngstown for over thirty-five years, was born in Westphalia, Germany, October 17, 1847, son of Henry and Gertrude Klute. He was the only one of their seven children to come to America. He was educated in a college at Cologne, came to Cleveland in June, 1870, and for four years was a student in St. Mary's Seminary. He was ordained August 8, 1874, by Bishop Richard Gilmour. His work for several years was attending missions in various counties of Northwestern Ohio. In 1880 he took charge of the churches at Hubbard and Vienna in Trumbull County, and on August 11, 1883, entered upon the duties as pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Youngstown.

As the above facts indicate Father Klute's work has been wonderfully prospered, and the parish has had good reason to entrust to his administration not only its spiritual affairs but its business management. St. Joseph's is one of the large and prosperous parishes and for years it has been adequate not only for the service of its own members in religious and educational facilities, but has been an institution in the welfare of the entire city. The site of St. Joseph's parochial school it should be remarked was formerly occupied by the residence of Mr. Joseph G. Butler, Jr.

James Harmon Dennison. Six miles north of Youngstown in Hubbard Township of Trumbull County is the farm and country home where the late James Harmon Dennison spent the most effective years of his life. Mrs. Dennison and a daughter still reside there, and the community has long regarded these good people with special esteem due their honest character and substantial industry.

James Harmon Dennison was born in the north part of Hubbard Township, September 14, 1843, a son of John and Susan (Fite) Dennison. The mother died when her two children, James H. and Elizabeth, were young. Elizabeth afterward married Mr. Passmore of Hubbard. John Dennison married for his second wife Margaret Wilson, and the children of that marriage were: Albert, a carpenter, who died at Warren; Lucius, of Liberty Township; Margaret who died in Youngstown; Ralph and John, both of whom reside in California. John Dennison's third wife was Hulda Bushnell, of Sharon. She survived him. John Dennison was born June 4, 1818, and died July 5, 1889. He was a carpenter by trade, though he always had a home on a farm.

James Harmon Dennison, being a child at the death of his mother, was reared with his sister in the home of their grandparents Fite. At the age of eighteen he left home. He was educated in the seminary at Farmington and in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburgh, and for about thirty years was one of the county's most proficient teach-

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ers. He taught both in early life and during his mature years, spending his winters in school and farming in the summer.

December 31, 1867, Mr. Dennison married Florinda McFall, of Coitsville Township, daughter of Robert and Barbara (Augustine) McFall. The McFalls were neighbors of the noted McGuffey family, one of whom was the author of the celebrated series of McGuffey school readers. The McFalls lived near Geography School House on McGuffey Road. Geography School House was so called by its pupils, since it was built to facilitate the study of geography. The desks were so placed that the pupils faced the north, even though the door had to be placed in the south end of the building away from the road. Florinda McFall was twenty-six years of age at the time of her marriage.

About 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Dennison came to the present farm in Hubbard Township. The house already stood there, but Mr. Dennison carried on improvement from year to year and developed a high class farm. Even after he gave up teaching he never lost his interest in the welfare of schools. He was reared in the United Presbyterian Church at Cedar Corners, but late in life became identified with the Church of the Disciples at the Corner House Church in Hubbard, three miles from his home. He served as clerk, treasurer and elder of the church. Mr. Dennison died February 25, 1912, after having spent more than forty years in one community, where he left a record of honest and resolute purpose and kindly deeds.

His children were: Charles R., a Youngstown architect; Mabel, Mrs. Davis Artherholt, of Hubbard Township; Mary, wife of Presly D. Hanna, a farmer of Coitsville Township; and Emily.

Miss Emily Dennison, who remains at home with her mother, has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of her community, its social life, its schools, church and practical charity.

Charles E. Clemens. While his farm seven miles south of Warren in Lordstown Township has attained a high degree of value and improvement, and is conducted as a dairy proposition with a fine herd of Holstein cows, Charles E. Clemens is a business man as well as a farmer, and for a number of years was a road and bridge contractor and did a notable share in furthering the good roads program of both Mahoning and Trumbull counties. He is also a former trustee of Lordstown Township.

Mr. Clemens spells his family name somewhat differently from his father and other Clemenses, the name usually appearing in the records as Clemmens. This family has been in the Mahoning Valley for a century, and it was established in America in 1775, when Nicholas Clemmens and his wife immigrated from Germany to the American colonies. When they landed in America they were both sold into two years' servitude to pay their passage across the ocean. This was a familiar practice then and for many years later, a fact borne out by the history of many families whose founders crossed the ocean in pioneer times. At the beginning of the Revolutionary war Nicholas Clemmens was offered his liberty if he would serve six months for his master as a soldier. After this term expired he served six months more to free his wife, who had been sold to another party. Having gained personal freedom, he was ready to do his full share toward securing the independence of his adopted country, and was with the Continental forces until the end of the war. He became acquainted with General Washington and was quite a favorite with him as is proved both by family report and by quotations from the biography of Washington, in which the noted general is quoted in these words: "Cheer up, friend Nicholas. Be of good cheer. God will be with us. We will see better times soon." He was also a cook for Washington for several years. At the close of the war Washington gave him a fine cane, which is still in the Clemmens family. During the war his wife was engaged in the bakery business at Philadelphia. After the war they moved to Southwestern Pennsylvania, in Washington County, where Nicholas followed his trade as a miller for about thirty years. He then moved to Boardman Township, Trumbull County, where he died in advanced years. His children were Elizabeth, Nicholas, Daniel, Philip, George and Susannah. Daniel and perhaps one or two other sons were soldiers in the War of 1812.

Daniel Clemmens, son of Nicholas, became a blacksmith. December 24, 1815, he married Barbara Stambaugh. Soon afterward they came to the Western Reserve, locating in the forests at North Jackson, and in 1822 moved from Boardman to Jackson Township in Mahoning County. By his own industry and the assistance of his family he cleared up a fine farm of 100 acres, where he lived until his death on September 17, 1872. He was noted as an honest and upright citizen and highly respected by all who knew him. His wife died September 5, 1848. She was a very religious woman, and brought up her children with a thorough religious instruction. Her children were: Philip, born June 22, 1817, spent his active life in Champion Township of Trumbull County and died when past seventy; Elizabeth, born May 29, 1819, married a Mr. Ewing and both died in Hancock County, Ohio; Israel, born September 22, 1820, died young; Sarah, born May 25, 1822, became the wife of Isaac Lutchner and died in old age in Champion Township; William, born July 6, 1824, spent his life in Champion Township, where he died at the age of eighty-five; George, born April 25, 1826, also lived to a good old age and died in Jackson Township; Martin, born May 10, 1828, died in Jackson Township at the age of sixty-four; Catherine, born July 16, 1830, became the wife of Samuel Klingensmith and died in Michigan; Henry, born April 16, 1833, died in Jackson Township when past seventy; Jared, whose career is briefly noted in the following paragraphs; Eliza, born January 9, 1838, became the wife of Frank Macklin and died when about sixty years of age in Jackson Township; and Nancy, born July 24, 1840, became the wife of Isaac W. Hewit and died October 29, 1908.

Jared Clemmens, who was born April 27, 1835, in Jackson Township, lived to be nearly eighty-five years of age, passing away January 24, 1920. In his early life he assisted his father on the farm, later took charge of the homestead, and in 1865 moved to a farm which he had bought two years before and

he remained there until about thirteen months before his death, when he came to live with his son Charles. Jared Clemmens married Laura J. Ohl, member of one of the prominent families of Lordstown Township, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Robb) Ohl. This family were colonial settlers in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Michael Ohl, was born in Lehigh County in 1783 and settled at Austintown in Mahoning County in 1808. Subsequently he laid out the site of Ohltown in Weathersfield Township of Trumbull County, where he erected a grist mill and oil mill, was also proprietor of a hotel, and remained there until his death in 1857. Charles Ohl, father of Mrs. Jared Clemmens, learned the millwright's trade. He was born in 1807 and spent practically all his life in Ohio. He equipped many mills in the Mahoning Valley, including the Baldwin mills at Youngstown. As a young man he bought land in the southeastern part of Lordstown Township, and had it cleared and improved with excellent buildings. He died there in 1896. His wife, Elizabeth Robb, was the daughter of a pioneer in Berlin Township, and she died in 1873, the mother of six children, Laura being the second. The six children of Jared Clemmens and wife were: Charles E.; Margaret E., wife of Jonathan Kistler, of Lordstown; Elizabeth A., who died at Mineral Ridge, the wife of James McMahan, who afterwards lived at Youngstown; Nancy B., who became the wife of John Bailey, of Newton Township; Mary V., who married Emery Bailey, a brother of John; and John C., a carpenter who died at the age of thirty-two.

Charles E. Clemens was born at the old Clemmens homestead in Jackson Township of Mahoning County, September 15, 1861, and when five years of age his parents moved to Lordstown Township, where he was reared and educated. On April 9, 1883, he married Mary Hood, a native of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, and daughter of Isaac and Angeline Hood. Her father was born in Liberty Township and her mother in Austintown, Mahoning County. Her paternal grandparents were Jesse and Catherine (Ohl) Hood. Isaac Hood died at Hartford at the age of sixty-eight.

After his marriage Mr. Clemens farmed on the shares until 1890, and then bought a farm in the southeast part of Lordstown Township. In 1903 he came to his present place, the original farm of his maternal grandfather, Charles Ohl, who had settled here in the woods as a young man and cut away the timber to make room for his log house. Mr. Clemens' mother was born and reared on this farm. The present house was built by Charles Ohl in 1884 and the barn was constructed by his son William Ohl about fifteen years later. Mr. Clemens came to the farm when William Ohl removed to Warren eighteen years ago. William died at Warren about 1917. The two surviving sons of Charles Ohl are Hiram, a carpenter at Niles; and John Albert, a farmer in Hartford. On this farm Mr. Clemens carries on his varied industry as an agriculturist, and has been very successful in the dairy business and as a breeder of Holstein cattle. He has always been a stanch advocate of good roads, and for eight years was a contractor, building roads for the county commissioners of Trumbull and Mahoning counties. During that time he constructed about thirty miles of modern highway. Recently he retired after five years of consecutive service as township trustee. He was on the local school board for nineteen years continuously. Mr. Clemens is a republican and is actively identified with the Farm Bureau and other progressive organizations in his section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have two children, Clarence J. and Bernice. Clarence is now a partner with his father on the farm, but lives in a separate home. He married Jessie Young and they have three children, Ralph, Arthur and Wayne. The daughter, Bernice, was for two years a teacher in the schools of Mahoning and Trumbull counties, and is now the wife of Frank Lyntz, formerly a teacher but now in office work at Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Lyntz have two children, Mary and Dorothy.

Mr. Clemens and family are active members of the United Brethren Church. His father, Jared, was one of the original members of this congregation, and the Ohl family were also active in the same church. The site of the church was donated by Charles Ohl. The present parsonage was donated by Mr. Charles E. Clemens, who is one of the leading members of the congregation.

Joseph F. Moore. Interested in architecture from his youth up, and having a natural aptitude for mechanics, Joseph F. Moore, senior member of the firm known as the Moore-Lamb Construction Company, has made excellent use of his time and talents, and through constant study of the work in which he is so successfully engaged has gained a thorough knowledge of means and methods, and also won a position of distinction among the leading contractors and builders of Youngstown. A native of Ireland, he was born in 1881, in County Mayo, where his parents, Anthony and Bridget (Thornton) Moore, spent their entire lives, being engaged in agricultural pursuits.

They were industrious, highly respected people, and worthy members of the Roman Catholic Church, rearing their family of eleven children in the same religious faith.

The oldest child of the parental household, Joseph F. Moore, obtained the rudiments of his education in the schools of his home town, becoming especially proficient in mathematics. Having learned the carpenter's trade when young, he was ambitious to become a master builder, and made a study of all books he could get hold of pertaining to structural work. Immigrating to the United States in 1903, Mr. Moore located in Cleveland, where his uncle, M. J. Moore, was the sergeant on the police force. He began work with the street car company, receiving $1.60 a day for his services, and attended school evenings, taking special instruction in construction work. He subsequently secured work as a carpenter in the Cleveland parks, and was later employed by John Gill & Company in the Government Building, and was afterwards superintendent of work under George A. Griebel.

In 1910 Mr. Moore accepted a position as superintendent for Heller Brothers of Youngstown, and in that capacity built the South High School and

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the Princeton school buildings; the city hall; the Tod House; and as superintendent erected the McKelevey store building. Forming a corporation with Thomas F. Lamb and others in 1916, Mr. Moore became head of the Moore-Lamb Construction Company, which has since filled many contracts of importance. Among the other buildings this enterprising firm has erected mention may be made of St. Edward's Church and schools; the Knott residence; the Mahoning Foundry warehouse; the Gordon school building in East Youngstown; the Realty Trust Building; the B. McManus residence; and other city buildings, in addition having rebuilt the Maloney Block.

Mr. Moore married, in 1908, Mary Malvey, who was born in County Lietrim, Ireland, in 1885. Five children have been born of their union, one of whom, Francis, died in infancy, and four are living, namely, Catherine, Joseph, Jr., Anna and Charles. Religiously Mr. Moore and his family are members of St. Columba's Church. Fraternally Mr. Moore belongs to the Knights of Columbus; to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; to the Kiwanis Club; to the Youngstown Club and he also is a member of various commercial organizations, being ever interested in the improvement and welfare of the community.

A. Phile Watson. As secretary of the Iron City Lumber Company, A. Phile Watson is conspicuously identified with one of the more active and enterprising industrial concerns of Youngstown, this prosperous firm having begun business on a very modest scale and through the efficiency of its officers having established an enormous trade in lumber and building supplies of all kinds, its patronage extending far and wide. O. E. Hawk, president of the company, which was incorporated in 1911, is a man of superior intelligence and ability, and in the management of the business has met with signal success. A Pennsylvanian by birth, A. P. Watson was born in 1859 in Middlesex, and there grew to manhood.

His father, the late Alonzo Watson, was born and reared in New York State, and as a young man served bravely in the Civil war, being located a part of the time at Fort Alexander. He was afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits during his years of activity. He attained a ripe old age, his birth having occurred in 1837, and his death in 1912. His wife whose maiden name was Sarah Marstellar, was born in Shenango Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1836, and died in 1907. Both she and her husband were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The second child in succession of birth in a family of six children, A. Phile Watson spent his early life on the home farm, attending Mud College, a local district school, three months each year until attaining the age of twenty years. On January 16, 1882, he entered the employ of the Andrews Brothers at Haselton, but at the end of six weeks accepted a better position in the old Andrews Brothers Company store and sold goods for a year. He was subsequently with the Bixler Baking Company until 1884, when he became an assistant in the shipping department of the Andrews Brothers Company Rolling Mill, with which he continued until that plant became merged into the Republic Mill in 1899. Having been made superintendent of a department in that mill, Mr. Watson had the distinction of shipping the first car of finished stock ever shipped in the name of the Republic Iron & Steel Company.

Mr. Watson was afterwards associated with various concerns, including the Empire Iron & Steel Company, and the Youngstown Ice Company, with which he remained three years. Since 1911 he has been associated with the Iron City Lumber Company, of which he is secretary, and has contributed his full share in making it one of the largest concerns of the kind in this section of the country, the building supplies which it has handled having been enough to have created a large city.

Mr. Watson was united in marriage with Daisy, daughter of William Carman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Watson are active and valued members of the Christian Church. Politically he is a stanch republican; fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias; and he is likewise a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Youngstown Credit Association.

Arthur H. Williams. A young man of exceptional worth and ability, energetic and progressive, Arthur H. Williams, of Youngstown, is actively interested in the advancement of local affairs, and in whatever official position he may be called upon to serve his city it can be assured of receiving his best efforts. It will here be noted that in the fall of 1919 he was nominated, without opposition, as the republican candidate for city auditor. A son of Thomas B. Williams, he was born in Youngstown, on the west side, of Welsh ancestry.

Born in Wales in 1857, Thomas B. Williams immigrated to the United States in 1877, locating first in Youngstown, and resuming the work of coal mining, with which he had become familiar in his native land. He subsequently spent some time in the coal mines of the West, but returned to Youngstown, his present home. He married Mary Jones, also a native of Wales, and to them three children have been born, namely: Edna, wife of Judge David G. Jenkins, of Youngstown; Arthur H., the special subject of this brief sketch; and Russell, a recent graduate of the South High School, now reading law.

After his graduation from the South High School with the class of 1914, Arthur H. Williams worked for a time in the Reed Drug Store, earning money to further advance his education. Subsequently, under Daniel Jones, he was assistant city auditor until the United States entered the World war, when he enlisted. His record in chemistry while a student, and his later work in the drug store, fitted Mr. Williams for a peculiar service, and he was sent to an arsenal located about eighteen miles from Baltimore, Maryland, where he was engaged in making mustard gas until receiving his discharge in January, 1919. He has since resided in Youngstown, and in the fall of 1919, at the primary election, he was nominated for city auditor on the republican ticket, his nomination coming unsolicited and without opposition.

Fraternally Mr. Williams is a member of the Masonic Order, having received the thirty-second

degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. Socially he belongs to the school fraternity, Phi Sigma Phi, and he is also a member of the Youngstown Automobile Club.

Frank W. Funk. Holding a position of prominence and influence among the foremost mechanical, electrical and mining engineers of Youngstown and vicinity, Frank W. Funk, general superintendent of the Phenix Tube Company, having plants at Warren, Ohio, and Brooklyn, New York, is thoroughly acquainted with every branch of engineering. A son of the late Rev. Abraham L. Funk, he was born November 25, 1886, in Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Abraham L. Funk, a son of Abraham Funk, was born in Pennsylvania, and was there reared and educated. For thirty-five years of his life he was actively engaged in the ministry, having charge of churches in both Ohio and Pennsylvania. He and his good wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gardner, both passed to the life beyond in 1918, he having lived three score and ten years, while she was but fifty-eight years of age when she died. Two sons blessed their union, namely: Frank W., of whom we write; and John W., who was graduated from the medical department of the Western Reserve University, and is now successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Having laid a substantial foundation for his future education in a preparatory school of Westerville, Ohio, Frank W. Funk worked for a time in the Westinghouse electrical plant in Pittsburgh, there obtaining useful technical knowledge that was of value to him while pursuing his studies at the Ohio State University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. After leaving college he held positions of more or less importance before entering the employ of the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company at Akron, Ohio. Coming from there to Youngstown in 1914, Mr. Funk has since filled various positions of responsibility, having served as district engineer for the Republic Railway and Light Company, and as electrical engineer for the Mahoning and Shenango Railway and Light Company. He was at the head of the well known firm of Funk & Crippen, consulting engineers, which had a large patronage, and is president of the Youngstown Engineers Club.

On May 9, 1919, the reorganization of the Engineers Club of the Youngstown District, which includes the cities of Sharon and New Castle, Pennsylvania, and Warren, Niles, Girard and Youngstown, Ohio, was completed, and the following-named men were chosen as officers: President, Frank W. Funk; vice president, W. H. Ramage; secretary, E. R. Rose; treasurer, C. I. Crippen; chairman of the membership committee, P. H. Zenk. The management of the club is vested in a board of trustees and an executive board, the former being the trustees under the laws governing such incorporated bodies. The chairmen of all standing committees are chosen from the executive board, which consists of the officers and six directors, and the secretary and treasurer are members of both the board of trustees and the executive board. The members include engineers of all branches, chemists, architects, ceramists, metallurgists and specialists, and numbered at the start 625 men of high standing in their several professions. Under the able management of Mr. Funk the club progressed far above the expectations of the originators, great interest having been manifested in the special objects of the organization, which included the professional and economic improvement of the members; the improvement of the engineering profession in the estimation of the public; and the encouragement of social intercourse among members and the advancement of engineering and kindred sciences.

Mr. Funk married, in 1912, Frances A. Waddell, daughter of J. P. Waddell, and they have two children, Frank W., Jr., and Audrey O. Both Mr. and Mrs. Funk are consistent members of the Evergreen Methodist Church. Mr. Funk is prominent in various engineering societies, among others being an active member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers, and the Youngstown Engineers Club, of which he was president.

John Williams. A prominent and able representative of the horticultural and floricultural interests of Mahoning County, John Williams is a respected and valued resident of Youngstown, where, as president of the Walker Floral Company, he has charge of an extensive nursery, well filled with a rare and choice collection of plants, roots and bulbs of both foreign and domestic culture. He was born July 4, 1877, at Sodom Coal Mines, where his father, Morgan Williams, was then employed as bookkeeper.

Born and reared in the northeastern portion of Ohio about 1847, Morgan Williams spent his comparatively brief life in Mahoning County, his death occurring in Youngstown in 1896. After leaving the Sodom Mines he was for a time employed as bookkeeper in the mercantile establishment of Morgan Jarvis, which occupied the present site of the Dollar Bank Building. He subsequently became accountant in the weigh office of the Valley Mills. He was active in public affairs, for a long time serving as township clerk. To him and his wife, Margaret (Williams) Boen, seven children were born, five of whom are living, as follows: Mary, the widow of Carl Minner; Almyra, wife of A. J. Wardell, of Youngstown; John, the subject of this sketch; and Owen and Helen, living with their widowed mother, a bright and active woman of sixty-nine years. The two that have passed to the life beyond are Elizabeth, who died in childhood, and Anna, who married Walter Huff, of Youngstown. The mother is a member of the Welsh Congregation, to which the father also belonged.

John Williams acquired his education at the Crab Creek School, mostly under the judicious training of Miss Hannah Thorn, who was his teacher for fourteen years. During his vacations he worked for a market gardener, Edward Lindsay, and not only tilled and cultivated the garden and farm, but developed a taste and special interest in plant life of all kinds, his liking for horticulture in its different branches increasing each season, even when working for other agriculturists in the Mahoning Valley. Twenty-two years ago, desirous of acquiring a prac-

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tical knowledge of the art of flower-growing, Mr. Williams entered the employ of a noted florist, John Walker, and has since filled every position in the establishment, from the very lowest to the highest, being now president of the Walker Floral Company. The large plant of this enterprising firm, located on the Hubbard Road, comprises fourteen acres of ground, 45,000 feet of it being under glass, and in its nurseries and greenhouses plants from many parts of the world may be found, the firm's importations coming from Holland, Belgium, France and far-away Japan, and being sold, with its domestic products, not only in Ohio and adjacent states, but in towns and cities far away, distance being no barrier.

Mr. Williams married, in 1903, Emma, daughter of Emory Shonce, of Boardman, Ohio, and the household thus established has been brightened by the birth of five children, namely: Gladys, Dale, Margaret, and Alma and Alza, twins. Politically Mr. Williams is a straightforward republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge and Encampment. Religiously he and his family are members of the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

E. Henry Jones, M. D. Actively and successfully employed in one of the most useful professions to which a man can devote his time and energies, E. Henry Jones, M. D., occupies a position of note among the leading physicians of Youngstown, and is now rendering the city most acceptable service as coroner of Mahoning County, a position he has held since 1914. A son of Elias Jones, he was born June 24, 1884, in Homestead, Pennsylvania, of honored Welsh ancestry.

Born, reared and educated in Wales, Elias Jones began working in the mines as a boy, and after coming to this country was for some time engaged in mining in Pennsylvania and Ohio, first in Coalburg, Ohio, and later at Homestead, Pennsylvania. Coming to Mahoning County, he worked for a time in the Andrews mines and the Wick mines, but for the past thirty years he has been connected with the Youngstown police force, at the present writing, in 1919, being court bailiff. He and his good wife, whose maiden name was Mary Powell, are hale and hearty persons of seventy-six years, and both are active members of the Welsh Congregation, while he is also a member of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons and of the Knights of Pythias. Of the eight children born of their marriage, five are living, as follows: Elizabeth, Hannah, Joseph, Mrs. Charles J. Foht and E. Henry. One of their sons, Dr. Alexander H. Jones, died in France, after having been in the United States service for thirteen months as a dentist, at the age of thirty-one years, his death having been caused by influenza. Dr. A. H. Jones was graduated from the Dental Department of the Ohio State University at Columbus in 1910, and was especially skilled in orthodontia and X-ray work. Enlisting in the United States service during the war as a dentist, he was a part of the time on the battle front, at other times having been stationed at either Saumer or Langres.

The seventh child in succession of birth of the parental household, E. Henry Jones completed the course of study in the graded schools of Youngstown and of the Rayen High School. In 1909 he was graduated from the Medical Department of the Ohio State University, having earned the money to pay his college expenses by working in various positions, and spending three years in the sales department of the American Belting Company. After spending a year as resident physician at the Protestant Hospital in Columbus, Doctor Jones located in Youngstown, where he has won an extensive and highly remunerative practice. In 1914 he was elected coroner of Mahoning County, and is now serving his third term in that office.

Doctor Jones married, in 1913, Miss Lulu Adele Potts, daughter of Douglas T. Potts, of Barberton, Ohio, and into their home one son, E. Henry Jones, Jr., has been born. Doctor and Mrs. Jones are both members of the Plymouth Congregational Church. Politically the Doctor is affiliated with the republican party. Fraternally he belongs to the Free and Accepted Order of Masons, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias. Professionally he is a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Association and of the American Medical Association.

Harry E. Welch, M. D. A man of broad mental attainments, keeping in close touch with the most approved modern methods of treating the various diseases to which the human flesh is heir, Harry E. Welch, M. D., of Youngstown, has built up an extensive and lucrative practice, and won for himself a prominent and honored position in the medical profession of Mahoning County. He is distinguished not only as a skilful physician, but as a native-born citizen, his birth having occurred September 10, 1861, in Youngstown, on the present site of the United Printing Company on Front Street.

Anthony Welch, the Doctor's father, was born and reared in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, but later spent a few years at New Castle, that state. In 1857 he located in Youngstown, coming here when the now populous city was little more than a village, with scant prospects of its present prosperous condition. Enlisting as a soldier during the Civil war, he was stationed for some time at Cumberland Gap, where the Confederates had established a line of defense. After his discharge from the service he returned to Youngstown, and for many years thereafter was employed in the Brown-Bonnell plant. His wife, whose maiden name was Amanda Hubler, died at the age of sixty-seven years, in 1907, and he is now living with his son Harry. He is a worthy member of Trinity Methodist Church.

The only child of his parents, Harry E. Welch received excellent educational advantages as a youth, attending first the graded schools, and in 1882 having been graduated from the Rayen High School, in the meantime having worked during his vacations at the Brown-Bonnell plant. Desirous of taking up the study of medicine, he entered the medical department of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, and was there graduated with the class of 1885. Doctor Welch subsequently spent a few months as resident physician at the Charity Hospital in Cleveland, after which he went to Philadelphia and took

a post graduate course at the University of Pennsylvania, attending clinics and doing hospital work. The following year he spent in Europe, continuing his studies in both Berlin and Vienna.

Returning to Youngstown in the latter part of 1887, Doctor Welch opened an office in the Jewell Block, and began the practice of his profession. Well prepared for his chosen work, he made rapid strides in his career, being successful from the start, his wisdom and skill in dealing with difficult cases gaining for him the trust and confidence of the community, and soon placing him among the leading physicians of the Mahoning Valley. In 1890 the doctor was elected coroner of Mahoning County, and held the office one term. In 1893 he was made health officer, and has served with distinction in that capacity ever since.

Doctor Welch has served as president of the Mahoning Medical Society, and is a member, also, of the Ohio Medical Society and of the American Medical Association and served as president of the Northeastern Ohio Medical Society. During the World war he served on the Medical Advisory Board for the district that included Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

Doctor Welch married, in 1899, Miss Adelaide Winsper, of Youngstown. Fraternally the Doctor is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory; and also to the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. Patriotic and public-spirited, he takes especial pride and pleasure in the fact that during his lifetime Youngstown has become one of the business centers of the United States, and that in the advancement of its growth and prosperity he has contributed his full share.

Louis Adovasio. A Youngstown contractor since 1898, the achievements of Louis Adovasio can be read in a number of important municipal works and private and business structures scattered throughout the Mahoning Valley.

Mr. Adovasio, who has been a resident of Youngstown thirty years, and is a veteran in all branches of the building and construction trade, was born in Italy, May 25, 1860. He received a good education through his own efforts and was trained as a builder. At one time he was also a contractor and assistant engineer in the Italian armies. Coming to the United States in 1890, Mr. Adovasio has since made his home in Youngstown. He soon found work at his trade and for several years was superintendent for Christian Mauser, a prominent contractor. Gradually he worked into the contracting business for himself. Mr. Adovasio had the contract for the erection of the Milton dam, the big concrete structure which impounds the city water supply of Youngstown. He and his organization have built many residences, schoolhouses and business blocks, and have also done much paving and street building. He laid nine miles of sewer in Niles, and also erected the Carnegie Library building, the McKinley school and the addition to the Oak Street school. As a capitalist he has also built a number of houses for himself.

Mr. Adovasio and family are members of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. He married Rosie Mastrafrancisco, who was born in Italy and died September 15, 1916. Mr. Adovasio's children are: Ben, a brick mason at Youngstown; John Angelo, also a brick mason; Mary, wife of Thomas E. Antonelli, a Youngstown attorney; Jennie and Lucy, still at home. The son John Angelo was a United States soldier in the World war, went to France, and was on the front in some of the hardest fighting during the summer of 1918, including the battle of Argonne Forest.

Dougherty & Brennan. As plaster contractors, the wide-awake, enterprising firm of Dougherty & Brennan, of Youngstown, is carrying on a very extensive work, its volume of business, according to statistics compiled by the War Board, having been exceeded by but two other firms of the kind in the United States, a fact of which the members may well be proud.

Messrs. Dougherty and Brennan are both skilled workmen and artists in their profession, and both are graduates of the Carnegie Technical School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, though not in the same year. After receiving their diplomas both members entered the employ of McNulty Brothers in Pittsburgh, and served in various capacities, becoming foremen of their departments, and later supervising the construction of work on buildings of importance both in Pittsburgh and in Youngstown. Subsequently these energetic, able business men and co-workers began work on their own account, and as members of the firm of Dougherty & Brennan have filled many large contracts and have established for themselves an enviable reputation for skilful and artistic work as plasterers, their work on the Republic Office Building, the Dome Theater, the offices of the United States Steel Plant, and on many of the Steel and Tube buildings, including the offices and laboratories of the different plants, and also in many of the finer residences of the city in which work of an artistic nature is required, bearing visible evidence of their superiority as contracting plasterers.

James A. Brennan, member of the above-named firm, was born, in 1887, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a son of M. J. Brennan, of Pittsburgh. Having obtained his preliminary education in St. Mary's School, Pittsburgh, he entered the Carnegie School of Technology, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. He soon after secured work with the McNulty Brothers of Pittsburgh, and gradually worked his way up until becoming proficient in his trade. In 1912 he came to Youngstown in the interest of his employers, and after supervising the work of the firm for a time formed a partnership with Mr. Dougherty, and has successfully continued in his chosen work since, the result of his labors being eminently satisfactory.

Mr. Brennan married, in 1914, Marguerite Gribbon, daughter of Daniel Gribbon. Both he and his wife are worthy members of St. Edward's Church. Mr. Brennan is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce, is president of the Builders' Exchange and a member of the Youngstown Rotary Club. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Louis Adovasio

Charles W. Dougherty, senior member of the well-known firm of Dougherty & Brennan, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1885, and in the schools of that city obtained the rudiments of his education. In 1907 he was graduated from the Carnegie Technical School, and subsequently entered the employ of McNulty Brothers, beginning work in a minor capacity, and having gained the confidence of his employers as regarded his skill and ability was promoted from time to time, being placed in positions of greater responsibility. Subsequently he formed a partnership with his friend and co-worker, and this is now one of the leading firms of the kind not only in Youngstown but in this country. As plaster contractors this firm has already built up an enormous business, and under the supervision of its able and enterprising members is constantly increasing its business, contracts of vast importance being entrusted to their care. They keep a large number of employes, nearly all of whom are skilled workmen, while many of them are veritable artists, their work as sculptors comparing fairly well with that of Messrs. Dougherty and Brennan.

Mr. Dougherty is married, his wife having been before marriage Agnes Reed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty are members of St. Patricks Church. Fraternally Mr. Dougherty is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to the Builders' Exchange of Youngstown and to the Chamber of Commerce.

Lester C. Haworth has devoted his time and the best energies and talents he possesses to the great work of the Young Men's Christian Association. He has been engaged in Young Men's Christian Association work practically ever since he left college, and since December 1, 1914, has occupied the post and responsibilities of general secretary of the Youngstown Young Men's Christian Association, though for more than a year he was engaged in important missions abroad, under Young Men's Christian Association auspices.

Mr. Haworth was born at Danville, Indiana, March 12, 1888, son of Harper E. and Margaret (Greene) Haworth. His parents were natives of North Carolina, and his mother was a descendant of the family of General Greene, the great Revolutionary hero. Harper E. Haworth, although an abolitionist, was pressed into duty in the mines for the Confederate Government. He was married in North Carolina and in 1869 came north and located on a farm near Danville, Indiana. The Haworths are of Quaker stock. Harper Haworth was a pioneer in the prohibition movement, having a vote and a voice for that cause long before it was popular. He cast his first vote for Grant for president, and afterward supported the prohibition ticket every time except once, when he voted for Bryan. He is still living, at the age of seventy-three, but his wife died May 11, 1918, aged sixty-eight. They were the parents of eight children.

Lester C. Haworth acquired his early education in country schools in Northern Indiana, is a graduate of the Danville High School, and took his college course in the well known Friends institution of higher education, Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana. He was graduated in 1910. To pay the expenses of his college course he sold aluminum cooking utensils in vacations and during the college terms did janitor work. He attracted attention while in college for his business promotive ability and public speaking, and the first year after his graduation he served as field agent for the college in raising a large sum to pay an indebtedness of Earlham.

Mr. Haworth has been in Young Men's Christian Association work since 1911, when he became assistant general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Buffalo, New York. Three years later he came to Youngstown as general secretary. He has made the local Young Men's Christian Association a strong and effective force for the education and moral and religious uplift of the large and heterogeneous population of Youngstown.

On account of his special abilities he was selected by the general organization in 1916 to go to Bombay, India, and organize Young Men's Christian Associations all over that country, especially in towns garrisoned by British soldiers. He also had an active part in caring for invalided British troops, there being thousands of them who had returned from the battle sectors in Mesopotamia and Egypt. The "Y" in Bombay was under the direction of the British governor, Lord Willingdon. While there he also helped raise a fund of $100,000 to provide for continued work of the association in India. Mr. Haworth returned to Youngstown in 1917. In the fall of 1918 he was prominently engaged in the general campaign to raise $2,000,000 for united war work. At the request of Dr. J. R. Mott, the national director of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. Haworth received commission to go to Europe for three months early in 1919, and under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association he went over the devastated districts and along the entire battle line in the interests of welfare work among the soldiers. He resumed his duties at Youngstown in July, 1919.

Mr. Haworth married, November 2, 1913, Ruby Evelyn Peyton, a daughter of Anthony Peyton, of Danville, Indiana. They have two daughters, Dorothy and Margaret. Margaret was born in Bombay, India. Mr. Haworth is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Youngstown Club and Rotary Club. In addition to his work in the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. Haworth takes an active interest in all civic and social work, and is much interested in anything that tends to advance good government. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

William Cosel. Closely identified with the mercantile interests of the Mahoning Valley, William Cosel, a well-known clothing merchant of Youngstown, has ever evinced a warm interest in local progress and improvements, and is especially prominent in welfare work, being president of the Youngstown Humane Society. He was born in 1861 in Germany, being the youngest child of a family of eight children born to Nathan and Minna Cosel. His parents were life-long residents of the fatherland, his father, a dry goods merchant, dying at the age of fifty-three years, and his mother when seventy-nine years of age.

Brought up and educated in his native land, William Cosel immigrated to the United States in 1880, joining his brother Julius, who had previously come to this country, in Youngstown, and with him embarking in the clothing business. The partnership being dissolved in 1901, the brother went to New York City, where he is now engaged in the manufacture of clothing, and Mr. Cosel has since carried on the original business alone, from 1880 until 1916 having been a tenant of Thomas H. Wells, but is now located at No. 9 Central Square, where he has exceptionally fine opportunities for carrying on his business. When Mr. Cosel came to Youngstown he was unable to speak a word of English, but has now perfect command of the language.

In 1896 Mr. Cosel was united in marriage with Sadie Weinberg, and to them three children have been born, namely: Roma, living at home; Minetta, who died in 1918, aged twenty-one years; and Leon, who lived but twelve short years, dying in 1913. Mr. Cosel is a thirty-second degree Mason, and both he and his wife are members of Rodef Sholem Congregation.

John Ludt deserves to be remembered not only as the founder of one of Youngstown's business concerns, but as one of a family that were pioneers in this part of the Mahoning Valley and have contributed their energies and wholesome public spirit to the growth and upbuilding of this section of Ohio for over a century.

John Ludt was born in the Crab Creek District of the present City of Youngstown December 29, 1853. His parents were Philip and Sophia (Moewe) Ludt. His grandfather, Peter Ludt, came to Youngstown when it was a collection of cabins, and spent the rest of his life in this vicinity. He helped build the old Youngstown Canal. Philip Ludt, who spent many years in Youngstown, with home on Federal Street, was in the coal mines of the district, but later engaged in business.

John Ludt had a public school education and as a young man worked in boiler shops and for railroads. At that time the top pay of a railroad hand was about a dollar a day. In 1885 he founded the business house of John Ludt. He dealt in hot air furnaces, and also perfected an organization for doing all classes of sheet metal work, and became an extensive contractor for slate, tin and gravel roofing. He was the founder and active spirit in this enterprise for thirty years, continuing active until his death on November 26, 1915.

Mr. Ludt was a democrat in politics, and his interest as a good citizen led him to accept nomination and election as a member of the City Council. He was interested in the Lutheran Church, and was buried in a private mausoleum in the Belmont Cemetery.

Mr. Ludt married Miss Jennie Millsap, daughter of Jackson Millsap. They became the parents of four children: Philip J. married Evelyn E. Good, who died February 7, 1919, leaving two children, Vladimir and Chester; Charles W.; Martha, wife of Calvin Meerkerger; and Edward J., who married Ina Rock and has one son, Edward. The sons grew up in business with their father and after his death carried on the business, which is still one of the leading concerns of its kind in Youngstown.

Beecher P. Higby, whose business has been a varied one, for the past five years has been an automobile salesman and at Youngstown is president of the Higby Sales Company, the authorized agency for the Ford motor cars, Ford tractors and Ford accessories.

Mr. Higby was born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1889, son of Beecher and Cassie (Van Horn) Higby, both Nebraskans. His father was a contractor and for years held the office of city clerk and other local positions in the City of Omaha.

Graduating from the Omaha High School at the age of seventeen, Beecher P. Higby soon afterward went to Wyoming and was an employe of the engineering department of the Union Pacific Railroad Company from 1904 to 1911. For a time he was in the laundry business in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming, and also had experience as a cowboy on a cattle ranch.

He began selling Ford cars at Omaha, Nebraska, and in 1915 came to Youngstown as a Ford salesman. He bought the Frank Leish interests and organized the Higby Sales Company, which has been responsible for the great volume of business created for the Ford cars in this section of Ohio. Mr. Higby is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce, all of Youngstown, and the Poland Country Club.

He married in 1914 Edith Stambaugh, daughter of Charles B. Stambaugh. Mrs. Higby died November 26, 1918, the mother of one son, Philip Dee. Mr. Higby is an attendant of the Christian Science Church.

Charles T. Riley. One of the leading druggists of Youngstown, Charles T. Riley is thoroughly acquainted with every branch of pharmacy, and during the thirty and more years that he has been engaged in the business in this city has won an extensive and remunerative patronage. A son of the late Dr. Chauncey K. Riley, he was born July 11, 1865, in Pulaski, Pennsylvania, coming on both sides of the house of honored ancestry.

Chauncey K. Riley was educated for a physician, and for forty-four years thereafter was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Pulaski, Pennsylvania, continuing there until his death in 1900, at the age of sixty-six years. Doctor Riley married, in Poland, Ohio, Sarah Truesdale, a daughter of Dr. Joseph Truesdale, also a prominent physician of Poland, Ohio. Doctor Riley's mother, Rachel Fowler, was distinguished as having been the first white female child born in the Mahoning Valley. Doctor and Mrs. Riley were the parents of two children, Charles T., the special subject of this sketch, and Cornelia, wife of R. W. White, of Youngstown.

Obtaining his preliminary education in Pulaski, Charles T. Riley there learned the rudiments of the drug trade, entering the drug store of T. H. Jewell when but seventeen years of age. Subsequently coming to Youngstown, he accepted a position with Oscar

Deible, whose pharmacy was in Deible's Block, at the corner of Hazel and Federal streets, and later continuing with Mr. Deible's successor, E. A. Fisher, for a time. Starting in business on his own account, Mr. Riley upwards of thirty years ago opened a drug store on Federal Street, where he has since remained, having removed in 1906 from his first location, at 1514 to his present store at 1524 West Federal Street.

Mr. Riley married in 1885, at Pulaski, Pennsylvania, Jennie Hull, daughter of Milton and Mary Hull, of that town, Mr. Hull having operated a flouring mill in Pulaski, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, for several years. Into Mr. and Mrs. Riley's pleasant home two children have been born, Chauncey, now employed in the Carnegie Steel Plant, served as a soldier in France during the World war, having belonged to the One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Field Artillery, which saw heavy fighting, and returned home in April, 1919, without a wound; and Fred, a musician, died at the age of thirty years. Politically Mr. Riley supports the principles of the republican party by voice and vote; fraternally he is active in Masonic circles, having taken the York and thirty-second Scottish Rite degrees; religiously he is a member of the Christian Church.

Frank Mastroianni. Many of the more enterprising and successful business men of Mahoning County are of foreign birth and breeding, prominent among the number being Frank Mastroianni, agent for the sale of foreign exchange steamship tickets, and proprietor of the Banca Popolare Italiana, which is located at 116 North Watt Street, Youngstown. A son of Pasquale and Annie Marie Mastroianni, he was born July 24, 1877, in San Pietro Avellana, Province of Campobasso, Italy, and as a lad of ten years came to the United States with his father, who subsequently followed his trade of a stone mason in various Pennsylvania and Ohio cities.

Working on railroads as water boy for construction gangs, Frank Mastroianni was not very favorably impressed with life in the United States, and in 1890, leaving his father in Steubenville, Ohio, returned to his native country, where he attended school regularly the ensuing four years, in the meantime learning the trade of a stone mason. In 1894, on account of his father, who was neither well nor prosperous, Frank came back to Ohio, joining him at Columbus, and subsequently working with him in Cleveland, Buffalo and other places.

Changing his occupation, Mr. Mastroianni entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, becoming foreman of bridge work on that part of the road extending from Pittsburgh to Steubenville, Ohio, and from Wheeling, West Virginia, to other Ohio points. The work being hard, with opportunities for advancement quite limited, he became clerk in a grocery, first at Kings Creek, West Virginia, and afterward at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Meanwhile he had furnished his father with funds to take him back to Italy, and in 1901 he sent for the entire family to join him in this country.

Soon after, Mr. Mastroianni opened a small store at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and in connection with it established a steamship agency. In 1902, seeking better opportunities for advancing his interests, and a permanent location, he selected Youngstown as the most favorable, all things considered, and has never yet regretted his choice of places. Mr. Mastroianni's first business venture in this city was the opening of a steamship agency at 416 East Federal Street, and a foreign exchange bank. Succeeding well in his undertaking, he enlarged his operations, and in 1905 moved to his present location on North Watt Street, where he is carrying on an extensive business as steamship agent and banker, his bank, which is capitalized at $50,000, being under the supervision of the state banking laws.

Mr. Mastroianni married in Niles, Ohio, Orsolina Federici, who was born in Italy, and as a child of thirteen years came with her parents to the United States. Her father, Antonio Federici, was engaged in municipal work in Italy. He belonged to a titled family, his uncle having been a marquis, residing in Naples, while his brother was a colonel in the Italian Army. Mr. and Mrs. Mastroianni are the parents of six children, namely: Annie, born in 1905; Josephine, in 1907; Freddie, in 1910; Ida, in 1912; Julia, in 1914; and Albert, in 1915. Mr. Mastroianni is a republican, but votes for the best men and measures regardless of party lines. He and his family are active and worthy members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

John S. Mitchell has been a busy and industrious factor in the affairs of Youngstown and environs for over forty years. His chief business at present is as proprietor of the Crab Creek Sand and Gravel Bank and a dealer in general builders' supplies.

He was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1850, a son of John and Elizabeth (Forrest) Mitchell, natives of Scotland. The family moved from Toronto to Youngstown in 1866, first locating on the John Kimball farm and later moving to a farm in Trumbull County, a short distance from Youngstown. John Mitchell as an American voted the republican ticket, and he and his wife were both Presbyterians. Of their five children the following are still living besides John S.: Jessie, Mrs. Robert Watson, of Girard; Robert, of Youngstown, a conductor on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad; and William, a farmer of Mahoning County.

John S. Mitchell was educated partly in Toronto and was sixteen years of age when he came to Mahoning County, finishing his education in the Crab Creek School here. In early life he took up the carpenter trade and followed it for twelve years, part of the time as a contractor. For twenty years he was proprietor of the Excelsior Dairy. As a dairyman he retailed his product, but later disposed of it wholesale. For several years he has conducted the Crab Creek Sand and Gravel Bank, and its output has supplied an enormous amount of material used in construction in and around Youngstown. Besides sand and gravel he handles all classes of builders' supplies except lumber. He also carries on general farming at Twin Oak Farm, which now comprises about fifty acres of the original 106 acres.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of the Ohio Builders' Supply Association, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the lodge, en-

campment, canton and the Rebekahs. He was formerly very active in republican politics and served a number of years as member of the township school board and was its president for several years.

In 1876 he married Mary Armstrong, daughter of Samuel Armstrong. She was born on the Twin Oaks Farm where Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell now reside.

Samuel Armstrong, father of Mrs. Mitchell, was born at the conjunction of Wolf Creek and Slippery Rock in Butler County, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1803, and was identified with Youngstown many years. He brought his family to this vicinity in 1849, and lived on the south side of East Federal Street near Watt. In early days, before the construction of railroads, he was a wagon freighter, hauling goods to and from Pittsburgh for the T. H. Wells mercantile establishment. Later he established a brick yard near the South Avenue bridge. Still later he bought the Twin Oaks Farm, then two miles from Youngstown. This farm is now reached by the Albert street car line.

Samuel Armstrong married in 1826 Nancy (Robb) Loveland, widow of Amos Loveland. She died in 1894, at the age of eighty-six. By her first marriage her four children were: Henry, who for many years was associated with T. H. Wells in the mercantile business; William, who was an engineer at the Thornhill coal mines; Rachel, who became the wife of Thomas Jacobs, of Coitsville, Ohio; and Sarah, wife of L. J. Jacobs. Samuel Armstrong had three daughters, the two now living being Mary, Mrs. John S. Mitchell, and Nancy A., who also lives on the old Twin Oaks Farm.

Parish Brothers. Prominent among the younger generation of Youngstown's progressive and prosperous business men are Michael H. and Daniel C. Parish, senior and junior members of the enterprising firm of Parish Brothers, who are fine representatives of the self-made men of our country, having through their own efforts climbed the ladder of success, rung by rung. Contractors in brick, stone and concrete, Parish Brothers began work on a modest scale, with but a few employes, and as their business increased have enlarged their force, the firm now giving employment to about 160 men, three-fourths of whom are skilled artisans.

Many extensive and important contracts in Youngstown and vicinity have been entrusted to the Parish Brothers, and among the buildings of note erected by the firm mention may well be made of the following named: Mason work on the Young Women's Christian Association building; the Madison and Buckeye school buildings; the Unger brothers' residences; Father Moran's residence; the seventy-seven-room dormitory at Villa Marie; the extension work for the Elliot-Blair steel plant at Mercer; the Youngstown Bread Company's building; additions to the Swinehart Tire & Rubber Company's plant at Akron; the Federal Savings and Loan Bank of Youngstown; and numerous large buildings in Girard, East Youngstown, Warren and other nearby places. During the year 1916 Parish Brothers had assumed contracts amounting to upwards of $450,000, taking them before the raise of prices in materials, but, notwithstanding their heavy losses, faithfully filled every contract. The firm is fully equipped in every respect, having all the most up-to-date machinery and appliances, including steam shovels, hoisting cranes and numerous other conveniences.

Michael H. Parish was born May 6, 1890, in Warren, Ohio, a son of Charles H. and Elizabeth Parish, both of whom were born in Italy, and came to this country when young, and were subsequently married in Hudson, Ohio. The father has been connected with the labor and transportation department of the Carnegie Steel Plant for many years, and is also associated with his sons, Michael H. and Daniel C., in the contracting business. He and his wife are members of St. Columba's Church, and have a pleasant home at 1027 Fairview Avenue.

Having obtained his early education in Warren and at the West Side school in Youngstown, Michael H. Parish found employment in the shipping department of the Carnegie Steel Plant when a lad of fourteen years, and while thus working completed a preparatory course in structural work at the Scranton Correspondence School. In 1910 and 1911 he attended the Carnegie Technical School at Pittsburgh, earning the money to pay his way through by work of the hardest kind. All of his efforts have been fully repaid by the success which has been his since the formation of the firm of Parish Brothers.

Michael H. Parish married, in 1912, Lula Wagner, daughter of Nicolas Wagner, of Niles, Ohio. She died October 21, 1918, leaving three young children, June Virginia, Ruth Laverne and Vera Jane. Religiously Mr. Parish is a member of St. Edward's Church; fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Born June 11, 1888, in Hudson, Ohio, Daniel C. Parish attended the public schools of Warren during his boyhood days, and at the age of fourteen years began an apprenticeship as a roll turner at the Carnegie Steel Plant, where he worked for eight years. During all of that time he attended night school at the Young Men's Christian Association in Youngstown, taking a special course in general construction work. A fine student, he made rapid progress in his studies, and in 1914 was fully equipped to become a partner in the newly-organized firm of Parish Brothers. Working as hard as he studied, he has contributed his full quota toward placing the firm on its present substantial basis, it being one of the leading firms of the kind in Ohio.

On February 17, 1912, Daniel C. Parish was united in marriage with Mabel Moon, a daughter of David Moon. Their happy married life was of short duration, as Mrs. Parish died on February 16, 1919, leaving no children. Mr. Parish is a member of St. Edward's Church, and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

Arthur Bertolini is a skilled workman and artist in one of the most difficult departments of the building trades, and was trained in the home of architecture and the fine arts in Italy, not only by a practical apprenticeship but in some of the leading technical schools and under some of the best masters.

Mr. Bertolini, who is secretary of the P. Pasquali

Jefferson Davis

Mrs. Jefferson Davis

Company, contractors at Youngstown, was born in Italy in 1891, a son of Dominic and Madaline Bertolini. His father was a successful contractor, and gave his son Arthur every advantage of school and travel. The latter is a graduate of the Garibaldi Technical Institute of Italy, was trained in the fundamentals of building construction by his father, and afterward had wonderful opportunities to master his art by study and work in France, Switzerland, Germany and Austria, spending much time both in Venice and Vienna.

Mr. Bertolini came to the United States in 1914, and for several years was employed by several different contracting firms at Washington, D. C., and elsewhere. He has been secretary of the Pasquali Company at Youngstown since 1917. This firm employs between twenty-five and thirty skilled workmen. Mr. Bertolini has had charge of the art marble mosaic, Terrazzo tile and marble work in many buildings here and elsewhere. Some of the monuments to his skill as a designer and workman are the South High School at Butler, Pennsylvania; St. Mary's at Pittsburgh; the Akron Masonic Temple; St. Vincent's School; the Firestone Park School; the Jennings School; the Penn High School at Greenville, Pennsylvania; the Hippodrome at Warren; a school in New Castle, Pennsylvania; and the Clinton County Court House at Wilmington, Ohio, also the postoffice and Federal Court House at Huntington, West Virginia.

Mr. Bertolini is a member of the Mount Carmel Catholic Church at Youngstown, and is a member of the Builders' Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce.

Joseph G. Vascak. A prominent furnishing undertaker and funeral director, Joseph G. Vascak, of Youngstown, has built up an extended reputation for professional skill and efficiency, his services being sought throughout the community in which he resides. A native of Hungary, he was a child in arms when brought to Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1885, a son of George and Mary (Herman) Vascak.

Born in the northern part of Hungary, now known as Czecho-Slovakia, George Vascak immigrated to the United States in early manhood, coming to this country for the purpose of being Americanized. When he began work as a miner in Pennsylvania he had no acquaintance with the English language, being unable to either read, write or speak it. Quick to learn, he was soon able to read newspapers and periodicals, and took an active interest in governmental affairs, identifying himself with the republican party. When he had accumulated sufficient money to warrant him in taking a wife he returned to his native land, and there married the woman of his choice, Mary Herman. With his bride he settled in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and was there successfully employed as a general merchant until his death, on June 5, 1912, at the age of fifty-seven years. His widow is still living, making her home in Connellsville with a daughter. Of the six children born to her and her husband, three died in early life; one son, George P., who was in business with his brother Joseph, died in 1918, aged thirty years; and two are living, Joseph G., the subject of this brief sketch, and Agnes.

Beginning his career as a lad of twelve or fourteen years, Joseph G. Vascak sold goods in his father's store, which was well stocked with general merchandise. Going to Philadelphia in 1905, he entered the employ of an undertaker, at the same time attending the Philadelphia Training School of Embalming, becoming especially proficient in the embalmer's art and science.

When ready to establish himself in business on his own account Mr. Vascak, who had visited Youngstown in 1900 and had been much impressed with its many advantages, decided to make the city his permanent home. With a capital of $3,000 given him by his father, he opened his present establishment, which is finely equipped for his business with the needed ambulances, autos and all the up-to-date appliances used in his profession, and by close attention to the details of his work he has met with undoubted success, having a large and extended patronage.

On February 9, 1909, Mr. Vascak was united in marriage with Mary Matusek, a daughter of Andrew and Barbara Matusek. Her father, a native of Poland, was engaged in mining pursuits in the Connellsville District of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Vascak have four children, Matilda M., Joseph G., Jr., Regina Barbara and Olga. Religiously they with their children belong to Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church.

Adolph Kessler had mastered some considerable degree of commercial success before he located at Youngstown. His experience has been an inspiring one.

Born in Hungary in 1889, he attended school in his native land, and as soon as old enough worked out at day labor and attended school at night. Getting a thorough education was an important part of the program of Mr. Kessler for a number of years both in Hungary and after coming to the United States. He still lacked several years of his majority when he reached this country. He knew of Rankin, Pennsylvania, the home of a chance acquaintance, and that was his first location. In Rankin, a suburb village of Pittsburgh, he found work in a grocery store at eighteen dollars a month. He knew no English, and was as diligent and persistent in acquiring a knowledge of the language as he was in the performance of his duties at the store. He was soon earning more than eighteen dollars a month, and in the meantime was attending a night school in Pittsburgh. His next location was at Akron, Ohio, where he worked with a wholesale grocery house and attended a business college in the night classes. His next connection was with the Chicago packing house of Libby, McNeil & Libby. As a traveling salesman they gave him territory in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. During his trips he came to know Youngstown, appreciated its business opportunities and its civic pride, and ever since has been a permanent resident.

On leaving the Chicago house he engaged in real estate, and soon had a flourishing business. Mr.

Kessler now specializes in high class residence property, and handles a large amount of valuable property each year.

Soon after coming to Youngstown he married Sallie Shier. They have two young children, Herbert J. and Stanley Martin. Mr. Kessler is a member of the Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce. Soon after coming to America he took out his first citizenship papers and after the conventional time allowed he secured his last papers, making him a full fledged American citizen.

Joseph Vogelberger is distinguished not only as a native born citizen of Youngstown, but for the important part he has played in the upbuilding of the city as a contractor and builder. A son of John Vogelberger, he was born September 25, 1870, on the hill overlooking Lanterman's Falls, one of the most picturesque points in the city.

John Vogelberger was born in Germany, and as a boy of eight years came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vogelberger, to Youngstown, Ohio, where both his father and mother spent their remaining days, both living to the venerable age of ninety-four years. Following in the footsteps of their father, John and his brother began working as miners, and later did the excavating and stone work at Lanterman's mill. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, John subsequently bought land on the bluff overlooking Lanterman's Falls, and by dint of hard labor cleared and improved a farm. He made a specialty of raising poultry and garden truck for the miners and employes of the iron and steel mills, the selling price of any chicken on the place having been 25 cents, while turkeys, regardless of weight, sold for $1.00 apiece. He was also somewhat of a carpenter, and helped build St. Columba's Church. He attained a good old age, his death, on August 25, 1911, at the age of four score and three years, having been the result of an accident. His wife, whose maiden name was Eva Gerst, died June 22, 1898, when but fifty-three years old. They became the parents of eight children, two of whom, Mary and Annie, died in childhood, and the following named are now living: Philip P., master mechanic for the Sharp Lumber Company; John, a city employe; Joseph, the subject of this brief sketch; Frank, of Youngstown, a contractor; Gallas, a carpenter; and Kate, wife of Joseph Schmidt, proprietor of a cigar and tobacco store on Market Street, this city. Both parents were members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Educated in Youngstown, Joseph Vogelberger attended first the Fosterville school, and later concluded his studies at St. Joseph's parochial school. At the age of fifteen years he was working in a meat market on Federal Street, and three years later began work as a farmer and carpenter. Becoming skilful in the use of tools, he was employed for fourteen years as carpenter and foreman in the mill owned by the Heller Brothers, gaining while there experience that has since been of great value to him. Subsequently, in partnership with his brothers Frank and Gallas, he became prominent in the building activities of the city, erecting not only large business buildings and warehouses, but many fine residences, among others of note having been the Brown, W. B. Arms, Porter Pollock, A. E. Adams, Brant Miller and the W. J. Patterson residences. Eight years ago, notwithstanding that he was a stanch democrat, Mr. Vogelberger was appointed, by a republican mayor, superintendent of streets, and continued until March, 1920, when he retired and has since been engaged in the contracting and building business.

On January 23, 1898, Mr. Vogelberger married Crescentia, daughter of Wendel Scheirman, of Youngstown, and of the three children born into their home two, Mary and Leroy are living, while Alma died when but nine years old. The family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

H. Sammartino. Noteworthy among the successful merchants of Youngstown is H. Sammartino, a jeweler, making a specialty of dealing in diamonds and other precious stones. A native of Italy, he was born in 1878 in Agnone, Province of Campobasso, where he spent the earlier years of his life. As a boy and youth he had the advantages of a technical education, and early learned the trade of a silversmith and watchmaker.

Immigrating to the United States, Mr. Sammartino located in Youngstown, and for nine years thereafter carried on business as a peddler, traveling throughout the Mahoning Valley. He sold solid gold jewelry, and was so honest and upright in his dealings with all that the people learned to trust him, placing perfect confidence in his word. Thus fortified, Mr. Sammartino opened a jewelry store at 382 East Federal Street, and in the sale of diamonds, watches and jewelry met with success. Needing more commodious quarters for his growing trade, he moved to his present place of business, 365 East Federal Street, where he has an extensive and lucrative trade, and in addition is interested in various other financial enterprises.

Mr. Sammartino married after coming to Ohio Miss Martha Fernando, who belongs to an old and prominent Italian family, her mother having been a child of six years when brought by her parents to the United States. Politically Mr. Sammartino is a republican, and religiously he belongs to the Mount Carmel Catholic Church. He is likewise a member of Figh D Italia.

George P. Krichbaum. Possessing undoubted business and executive ability, George P. Krichbaum, of Youngstown, making good use of his talents, has steadily climbed the ladder of success, and is now widely known as manager of the Youngstown Branch of Armour & Company, with which he has been actively identified since its establishment in this locality, thirty years ago. A native born citizen, his birth occurred on Mahoning Avenue, February 15, 1860.

His father, the late George P. Krichbaum, Sr., was born and reared in Darmstadt, Germany, where he and his five brothers received excellent educational advantages, their father, a man of culture, insisting that his sons should have the best of schooling. After learning the trade of a pattern maker,

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he came with the paternal family to America, locating first in Buffalo, New York. Subsequently taking up his residence in Youngstown, he was employed as a pattern maker in the Brown-Bonnell Mill for fifteen years, continuing with that firm until his death in 1872, at the early age of forty-one years.

George P. Krichbaum, Sr., married Augusta Ritter, who was of French ancestry, and to them six children were born, one of whom died in childhood, and another, Lydia, died at the age of eighteen years, while four are now living, namely: George P., the special subject of this sketch; Eugene, a salesman for Armour & Company; Emma, wife of John Reynolds, of this city; and Louisa, residing on Lora Avenue. Mrs. Krichbaum, whose death occurred at her home on Elm Street in 1918, married again after the death of her first husband, becoming the wife of C. B. Ramser, who was engaged in the grocery business on Mill Street. Mr. and Mrs. Ramser became the parents of four children, as follows: Charles, an engineer on the Erie Railroad; Augusta, wife of Alfred Bixler, assistant auditor for Armour & Company; Fred, a draughtsman for the Republic Iron & Steel Company; and Mrs. Alice Rummels.

George P. Krichbaum attended school on Wood Street until twelve years of age, when, on account of the death of his father, he began work for himself, for three and one-half years being bell boy at the Tod House, at the same time having charge, for Jim Hammond, of the cigar stand. Saving of his money and prudent in his expenditures, he accumulated while thus employed to pay off a mortgage of $600 on his mother's house. Coming in contact with men of affairs, in the hotel, the bright, active lad became ambitious to have a better position, and with that end in view attended Hall's Commercial College, at the same time working as a clerk in T. B. Albert's hat store in the Diamond Block.

Subsequently Mr. Krichbaum embarked in a mercantile career, working first as grocer's clerk for his stepfather, later being in a Pittsburgh grocery two years, and after his marriage being in the employ of J. C. Ewing, a grocer on Mahoning Avenue. The following four years he filled a similar position in the crockery establishment of A. J. Williams. Forming then a partnership with J. C. Ewing, he was for three years in the grocery business on Phelps Street, being junior member of the firm of Ewing & Krichbaum. During the depression of 1886 the firm met with reverses, and Mr. Krichbaum sold the stock of goods and partly paid the creditors, completing the payments later.

While Joseph Hemler was employed as a messenger on the railroad, he used to buy meat and other provisions in Cleveland which Mr. Krichbaum marketed, and Krichbaum & Hemler shipped the first dressed beef into the city. In 1890 the business was taken over by Armour & Company, and under the guidance of Mr. Krichbaum, the manager from the start, has grown rapidly and enormously.

In 1879 Mr. Krichbaum was united in marriage with Miss Lois Vetter, who was born in Boardman, Ohio, in 1859. Her father, W. H. Vetter, was an extensive dealer in cattle and sheep, buying livestock in Ohio and driving into New Jersey, where he received the highest market prices. Mr. and Mrs. Krichbaum have two children, Claude, who has been salesman for Armour & Company for nineteen years, and Hazel, wife of Stewart Kimmell, who is associated with the Youngstown Security Realty Company. Fraternally Mr. Krichbaum is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Knights of Pythias. Both he and his family belong to the Christian Church.

JOHN R. PERKINS is the youngest of the three brothers who originally constituted and are proprietors of the Perkins Hardware & Roofing Company, one of the largest establishments of its kind in the Mahoning Valley.

This business was started by George R., Joseph R. and John R. Perkins on May 15, 1899, and has been conducted as a general supply house for all classes of hardware, and they have specialized in roofing material and contracting.

John R. Perkins was born at Wethersfield in Trumbull County, Ohio, a son of Richard Perkins, a former coal operator. John R. Perkins received the greater part of his education at Youngstown and acquired his early business experience and training with the Stambaugh-Thompson Hardware Company.

In 1901 he married Rachel Wooley. They have one son, Jere Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Perkins is a member of Western Star Lodge No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; Youngstown Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons; Buechner Council No. 107, Royal and Select Masters; Youngstown Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, and of Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

CHARLES A. ENSIGN. For nearly four decades a resident of Youngstown, Charles A. Ensign has been prominent in many of its activities, and has been an important factor in advancing its material interests, while as the pioneer druggist of the city he has won his full share of its patronage. A son of the late John N. Ensign, he was born September 28, 1857, in Newton Falls, Trumbull County, Ohio, of honored New England ancestry.

Born in Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1819, John N. Ensign there spent his early life. Following the trail of the pioneer, he visited the Western Reserve in 1843, making stops at Warren, Poland, Youngstown and Newton Falls. A tinner by trade, and a dealer in stoves, he decided that Newton Falls would afford him better opportunities for business, and located in that town, rather than in either of the others. He built up a substantial trade, being fairly prosperous, lived well, and gave his children exceptionally good educational advantages. He was highly esteemed as a man and a citizen, and although a democrat in a republican stronghold, served for thirty years as justice of the peace, and at the time of his death, in 1900, was serving as mayor of that city. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Russell, was born in 1820, and died in 1895. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Three children were born of their union, namely: Ellis, formerly in partnership with his

brother Charles, died in 1895, aged fifty-two years; Harriet, deceased, was the wife of Hiram H. Porter; and Charles A.

Having laid a substantial foundation for his future education in the public schools of Newton Falls, Charles A. Ensign entered Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and was there graduated with the class of 1880. Subsequently coming to Youngstown, he began his career as a business man in the store of Wick C. Gans. Becoming familiar with the details, he established a drug store at 509 Mahoning Avenue, and with the exception of the time during the construction of his present fine building has continued business on the same site ever since. A man of sterling qualities, upright in his dealings, kind and courteous to all, Mr. Ensign has won the esteem and respect of the community, and has built up a large and satisfactory business in the city of his adoption, which he has seen grow from the small population of 15,000 people to an important municipality containing 122,000 inhabitants.

On October 1, 1885, Mr. Ensign was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Wick, daughter of Philip and Sallie Jacobs. Her father, who was in business in Youngstown many years, had a general store on East Federal Street, and also dealt in coal to some extent. Two children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ensign, namely: Alice Bell, wife of W. R. Scott, who is connected with the engineering department of the American Tube and Wire Company at Scottsdale, Pennsylvania; and Emily, who, while a student at Vassar College, was accidentally drowned, being then but nineteen years of age. Politically Mr. Ensign is identified with the republican party, and has rendered efficient service as a member of the Board of Associated Charities of Youngstown. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is likewise a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Broad and liberal in his religious views, he is an active supporter and attendant of the Unitarian Church, while Mrs. Ensign belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Frank B. Halfhill was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1893, of southern ancestry. His grandfather, Captain Jack Halfhill, was in the Confederate army under command of General Morgan, and who for a number of years was a prominent contractor around Cincinnati. His father and mother are now living on a stock farm near Lexington, Kentucky.

In the early years of Mr. Halfhill's life he ran away from home and settled in the wilds of the West, up in the Northwestern States, in Montana principally, following construction until the age of sixteen years and then he entered Stanford University in California; graduating, he took up a homestead in Montana.

Finding this too dreary he entered the construction division of the war department on inland waterways, being employed on various projects in the United States, principally the Mississippi and its tributaries.

Resigning the Government service in the year of 1915, he followed the advice of some prominent engineers and settled in Youngstown, Ohio, organizing the Halfhill Construction Company, engineers and contractors, in the Home Savings & Loan Building, to specialize in railroad, industrial and waterway construction. Since that time they have handled a number of large contracts in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

During the war Mr. Halfhill was attached to the general staff at Washington, giving the benefit of his tehcnical and practical experience to the United States Government.

Locally he is a member of the Real Estate Board, Employers' Association, Builders' Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

J. E. Van Cise. A well known and highly respected business man of Youngstown, J. E. Van Cise, electrical contractor, has acquired an excellent reputation for skill and efficiency in the wiring of buildings of all kinds, including residences, controlling his full share of that work in the city and its suburbs, and is also an extensive dealer in lighting fixtures and electric equipments, his well furnished store being located at 31 North Champion Street. A native of New York, he was born in 1875 in Allegany County.

Brought up and educated in his native county, J. E. Van Cise turned his attention to electrical work when eighteen years old, and since that time has gained a broad experience in that line of industry, having been associated with it in many parts of the country. Coming from Cleveland to Youngstown in 1908, he was variously employed until 1915, when he opened his present establishment on North Champion Street, where he deals in all kinds of electrical goods, including lamps, chandeliers, washing machines, electric irons, and all the machines and appliances useful in the household, a visit to his store convincing the most conservative housewife of the value of electricity in lightening her work.

Fraternally Mr. Van Cise is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

William C. Zabel. A man of good principles, upright in his dealings, and possessing a natural aptitude for business affairs, William C. Zabel, of Youngstown, head of the firm of W. C. Zabel & Company, Incorporated, is widely and favorably known in mercantile circles as a dealer in hotel and restaurant supplies, a branch of trade in which he has been very successful. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan, January 9, 1869, a son of John and Frederika Zabel, who came with their family to Youngstown in 1872. The father, a millwright by trade, worked in the Upper Mill, and was accidentally killed when but fifty years of age, leaving three children, as follows: William C.; Lizzie, wife of E. F. Wellendorf, of Youngstown, and Anna, wife of Charles Stoll. Both parents were member of the German Lutheran Church.

William C. Zabel attended the Briar Hill schools until thirteen years old when he secured employment in the china store of A. J. Williams, with whom he remained as a clerk for seven years, gaining an insight into the details of the business and a

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practical experience that was of great value to him in after years. Thus fortified, he became manager of the V. J. Buehrle establishment, with which he was actively associated for a quarter of a century. Embarking then in business on his own account, Mr. Zabel organized the firm of W. C. Zabel & Company, which is an outgrowth of the Williams establishment, and has since carried on a most prosperous business as a dealer in hotel and restaurant supplies, his store being the most extensive one of its character between New York and Chicago. It is favorably located at 223 East Federal Street, where the company will soon add a new department, stocking it with a complete line of butchers' supplies.

Mr. Zabel's wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Stoll, died in 1908, leaving six children, namely: Arthur H., Nora, Ervin, Carl, Emma and Edna. Arthur H., who served on the battle front in Italy during the World war, returned home unwounded. Ervin, who served in the Ninth Infantry, went through heavy fighting in France, later being sent to Germany, and was for four months confined in a hospital. Carl was in training when the Armistice was signed. True to the religious faith in which he was reared, Mr. Zabel is a member of the German Lutheran Church, to which his children also belong. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Ernest W. Travis, who recently became president of the Rice Associates Company, house furnishers and decorators, is one of the best known young business men of Youngstown, and except for the period of his service abroad during the World war has spent practically all his life in Mahoning County.

He was born near Canfield May 19, 1886, and is a graduate of both the Elm and Rayen High Schools of Youngstown. Early in his business career he was a clerk with the Erie Railroad, being assistant cashier of the freight department four years. For four years he was with the tire department of the Republic Rubber Company and then became associated with Thomas Pemberton in establishing the firm Travis & Pemberton on Champion Street. This firm is still doing a prosperous business handling tires and athletic goods. For three years Mr. Travis was also sales manager of the Packard Agency at Youngstown, and won the sweepstakes prize for salesmen in a competition conducted by the Packard organization of Detroit.

From school days to the present Mr. Travis has been prominent in athletics, not only as an individual performer, but as a sponsor for all wholesome phases of outdoor sports. He is perhaps best known as a tennis player, having been city tennis champion eight years out of eleven and having played on the team of double champions for eleven years. On account of his prominence in this line it was considered that his best service could be rendered during the war in the post of athletic director under the Young Men's Christian Association. In June, 1918, he went overseas and was assigned to Aix-les-Bains, France, the largest leave area for the American Expeditionary Forces. He was there a year, returning to the United States in August, 1919. Soon afterward he took part in the reorganization of the Rice Associates Company, and became president of that organization, which has a capitalization of $250,000 and conducts business in a specially constructed three-story building on West Federal below Champion Street. This company features the very finest wares in textile, furniture, wall paper, and has an adequate and expert organization for every service in decorating. Samuel W. Rice is vice president and general manager of the company, and its other officials are W. J. Evans, W. A. Carroll and Samuel W. Rice, Jr.

Mr. Travis is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Elks, the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club and the Young Men's Christian Association.

Elton P. Zinn completed his apprenticeship as a general machinist about the time automobiles were first coming into favor. For the past sixteen years he has been an automobile expert, and as a technical and efficient man and also as a salesman his experience and qualifications are second to none in Youngstown.

Mr. Zinn, whose present place of business is at 131 Lincoln Avenue, was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1878, son of Samuel I. and Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Zinn. His parents were also natives of the same section of Pennsylvania and are now living in the City of Erie, where Samuel Zinn is a contractor and dealer in farm produce.

Elton P. Zinn, youngest of four sons, graduated from the Erie High School in 1899, and at once began an apprenticeship as a machinist. He served nearly four years with the Ball Engine Company. For another year he was employed as a machinist by the Modern Tool Company. In 1903 Mr. Zinn became one of the first technical employes of the Packard Automobile Company at Detroit. During subsequent years he did much to give the Packard the high standing it enjoys in the automobile world. In 1905 he drove a Packard car from Detroit to Denver, and remained in that city to represent the firm. Denver at that time had just four cars of the Packard make. Eighteen months later he was called to a new post at Bay City, Michigan, where he had charge of the technical service of the Packard Company. He was next sent to Utica, New York, in 1911, and in 1912 came to Youngstown and was under Howard Inglis until 1915. In that year Mr. Zinn bought the Albaugh Motor Sales Company. And soon afterward opened a little shop 20x35 feet at 538 West Rayen Avenue. The first year he did $10,000 worth of repair work. In January, 1917, Mr. Zinn became the Franklin representative at Youngstown, and opened his sales rooms at 131 Lincoln Avenue, and in February, 1920, took on an agency for the Winton automobile. He owns a lot 80x147 feet at Baldwin and Wick Avenue, where he plans the building of a modern garage.

September 20, 1916, Mr. Zinn married Miss Tressia Foster, daughter of Levant Foster of Titusville, Pennsylvania. Since their marriage Mrs. Zinn has been a real business partner, and is properly credited with much of his success. Mr. Zinn is a member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Masons at Bay City, Michigan, and the Royal Arch Chapter at Youngstown,

and is also an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Poland Country Club and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce.

Earl B. Downer, M. D., a physician and surgeon, late of the Medical Reserve Corps and a Red Cross surgeon in Serbia and Russia, author and lecturer, at the close of the great war chose Youngstown as his home and the scene of his professional career.

Doctor Downer was born in Lansing, Michigan, in 1885, son of Bishop E. and Mary L. (Smith) Downer. His parents were born in New York State, and are still living, his father aged seventy and his mother fifty-five. His father is a building contractor. The name Downer is of English extraction, and the family came to America in 1779. There was a Downer who was a surgeon in the American Revolution and another served under John Paul Jones, the great naval hero.

Earl B. Downer was fourth among five children, the others being: Erastus, a lumber tracer at La-Porte, Texas; Stephen, a farmer in Michigan; John, who lives at Chicago and is connected with the Pacific Fruit Company; and Leo, in the automobile business at Pittsburgh.

Earl B. Downer graduated from the Lansing public schools in 1902, and was a student of mechanical engineering at the Michigan Agricultural College during 1903-04. Believing that medicine and surgery were his best choice among the professions, he turned his studies in that line, and in 1907 graduated from the medical department of the Ohio State University. He took post-graduate work in the New York Hospital Medical College in 1909 and at Harvard University in 1911. He also attended the United States Army Medical School in December, 1914.

It was only after the making many and persistent applications for foreign service in the Red Cross that Doctor Downer was chosen out of 3,500 surgeons to go to Serbia under the auspices of the Red Cross at the time the frightful typhus epidemic had practically wiped out the American Red Cross unit. On reaching Belgrade Doctor Downer found fourteen doctors and nurses down with the dread disease. He remained there for a year, fought the plague and treated the wounded, much of the time while under constant fire from the guns of the Germans and Austrians. It was a post of peculiar hazard and responsibility, and out of 300 doctors who at various times were associated with that work Doctor Downer is now one of the nine survivors.

Later returning to New York, Doctor Downer was sent to Russia as director of the Edwin Gould Mission, and when knowledge of his skill in bone grafting reached the ears of the Czarina he was invited to take up his residence in the palace and given permission to operate in twenty of the imperial hospitals in that vicinity. The special interest of the imperial family centered on his orthopedic skill because of the lameness of the Czarevitch. Doctor Downer was in almost daily association with the family and staff of the Russian Emperor during the last days of the rule of the Romanoffs. It was his privilege to witness directly the events of the historic "Red Monday" which marked the beginning of the Russian Revolution and the overthrow of the old regime. He mingled on the streets with the revolutionists, and had many rare opportunities of studying the people and the revolutionary movement at first hand.

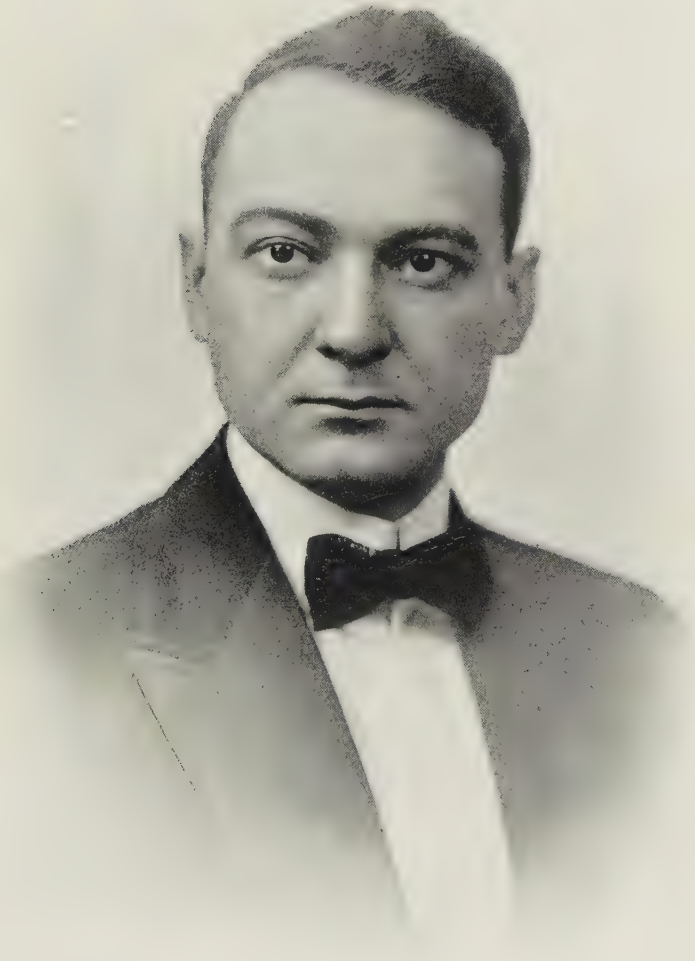
Doctor Downer is author of "The Highway of Death," the story of the American Red Cross unit in Serbia. He is also author of "The Rusisan Revolution," and the other "Tales of a War Surgeon," based on his adventures in Serbia, Russia, Greece, Austria and France. He was one of the first to tell the story of the Russian Revolution to the American people from first hand experiences. He has appeared in the role of lecturer before thousands of people in the leading educational institutions of the country. It was while on a lecture tour that Doctor Downer made his first acquaintance with Youngstown, and became so impressed with the city and its opportunities that he located here for practice.

While at Belgrade fighting the typhus scourge Doctor Downer came to know Bessie M. Scanlon, who was chief of the operating room among the Red Cross nurses. She is a daughter of the late John and the late Elizabeth (Klice) Scanlon of Olean, New York, and is a graduate nurse of the Sisters of Charity Hospital of Buffalo, New York. Doctor Downer and Miss Scanlon were married in 1917, and one son, Cornelius Bishop Downer, was born February 7, 1920. Doctor Downer is a member of the American Medical Association, is on the surgical staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Orthopedic Surgery, is a member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Morris Moyer. Enterprising and eminently capable, Morris Moyer, engaged in the manufacture of men's trousers at Youngstown, displays excellent ability and judgment in his operations, and in the management of his business has met with signal success. A son of Henry and Sarah Moyer, he was born March 19, 1869, in Danville, Montour County, Pennsylvania, of German ancestry.

Born and brought up in Wurtemberg, Germany, Henry Moyer came to the United States as a boy of twelve years. Soon after his arrival he located in Danville, Pennsylvania, and during his active career was there engaged in the livestock business, continuing his operations until his death, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife died when seventy-six years old. Ten children, five daughters and five sons, were born of their marriage, all of whom are living with the exception of one daughter, Bessie, who married Isaac Hartzell, of Youngstown. Two of the sons, Miles and Julius, reside in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and another son, Lewis, is in business in Youngstown, being associated with Mr. Hartzell, his brother-in-law.

At the age of nineteen years, having been graduated from the Danville High School, Morris Moyer embarked in the retail clothing business at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The cloudburst that caused the Johnstown flood interfered with his operations for a little while, but he soon overcame all difficulties, and continued in business there for nine consecutive years. Coming from there to Youngstown, Mr. Moyer, in company with his brother Miles and others,



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organized the trousers manufacturing business with which he has since been identified, his sons, Henry S. and Sidney S., being now associated with him. The Moyer factory was first located on West Federal Street, occupying the second and third floors of the building in which it was established, the first floor being taken by the Scotch Woolen Mills Store. Owing to the rapid growth of the business, Mr. Moyer moved to Commerce Street, and the firm continued there until the completion of the factory adjoining the present Moyer building. A constantly increasing trade has still demanded more commodious quarters, and Mr. Moyer erected a large, fire-proof, concrete building, of modern construction, four stories in height, with 30,000 square feet of floor space, it being located on Walnut Street, adjoining the old factory. There is not a stick of timber or wood in the Moyer factory. It is constructed entirely of brick, concrete, with steel floors and ceilings of concrete.

The output of the Moyer factory is 2,500 pairs of trousers weekly, a production that will shortly be doubled. The firm has an extensive trade, not only of a local nature, but covering a wide territory in the Central West, a number of its employes being on the road, and finding no trouble in disposing of the Moyer goods.

On January 10, 1896, Mr. Moyer was united in marriage with Miriam Simon, daughter of Herman Simon, a wholesale grocer who resided for sixty years in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have three children, namely: Henry S. and Sidney S., both graduates of the business department of the University of Pennsylvania, are now in business with their father, as above noted; and Elizabeth, who was graduated from the Rayen High School with the class of 1919. Sidney S. enlisted in the Navy, and was in training at Plattsburg, New York, during the World war.

Fraternally Mr. Moyer is a member of the Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Youngstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He and his family belong to Rodef Sholem Congregation.

Joseph Evans. For many years prominently connected with the mercantile and manufacturing affairs of this section of the country, Joseph Evans is well qualified, both by training and experience, for the high position he is so successfully filling as manager of the Telling-Belle Vernon Company's Youngstown Plant, which manufactures and distributes half a million gallons of ice cream each year, using in the distribution of this vast amount four trucks and eight teams. This wide-awake firm has plants in Cleveland, also, and in other near-by places, and is carrying on an enormous business, its manufactures in the various plants aggregating 5,000,000 gallons yearly, ice cream being in greater demand in every place, and at all seasons of the year, than almost any other product that is not strictly necessary to sustain human life. A son of Thomas Evans, he was born in Youngstown in 1886, and has spent the greater part of his life in this city.

Born and bred in Wales, Thomas Evans there worked in the mines until reaching man's estate. Soon after that important event he married Anna Jones, and with his newly wed wife sailed for America. Making his way directly to Ohio, he located in Youngstown, and was here first employed in the Brown-Bonnell Plant, and when that business was merged into the Republic Iron & Steel Company he remained with the new firm, and has since held various positions of responsibility and trust, now, at the age of sixty-eight years, being one of the firm's oldest employes in point of service. Both he and his wife are members of the Elm Street Congregational Church. Four children have been born of their union, as follows: Catherine, wife of James A. Faulkner, who is with a motor company in Cleveland; Marie, wife of Thomas H. Chambers, with the Maxwell Motor Company, in Detroit, Michigan; Ben, manager of the Beil-Evans Printing Company, of Youngstown; and Joseph, of whom we write.

Acquiring a practical education in the Front Street School, Joseph Evans began work when young, and at the age of seventeen years held a responsible position with the W. H. Lewis Pump Company, a part of the time serving as manager of the plant. At the end of four years he went to Pittsburgh, and was there employed in the offices of the Ward-Mackey Biscuit Company for a year. Returning then to Youngstown, Mr. Evans was for four years connected with the wall paper and carpet department of the H. S. Williams store, a position that he resigned to become manager of the Youngstown plant of the Telling-Belle Vernon Company, which under his supervision is carrying on an extensive and rapidly increasing business.

Mr. Evans married, in 1911, Marie, daughter of William Bowstead, of Pittsburgh. Mr. Evans is a member of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery and is a member of Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, Ohio. He is also a member of the Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America.

David James Morgan, present county commissioner of Mahoning County, is one of the men whose influence and work have entered largely into the program of good roads as carried out in the Youngstown district.

He has spent practically all his life at Youngstown, where he was born March 8, 1868, son of William T. and Ruth (James) Morgan. His father was born at Breckenshire, Wales, and came to this country in 1860, sojourning for a short time in Canada and afterward settling in Youngstown. He was a coal miner, which was practically a life occupation. He died in 1913 at the age of eighty-six. His wife was killed in a street car accident at Youngstown in 1905 at the age of sixty-four. She was a constant church goer and she and her husband were members of the Welsh Congregational Church. William T. Morgan during his early experiences in the mines of the Youngstown District worked for C. H. Andrews and other old time mine operators, including W. H. Wick.

David James Morgan was one of a family of

three sons and one daughter. Thomas, the oldest, is a coal miner, living at Newman in Stark County, for many years has held the post of doorkeeper of the State Senate, and was a friend of the late William McKinley and held a post in the census enumeration during the McKinley administration. John Morgan is connected with the automobile plant of the Studebaker Company at Detroit. The only daughter, May, is the wife of Carl Orr of Youngstown.

David James Morgan received his early education at Thornhill, and after leaving school he spent three years in the mines. He also worked as a farmer and was employed in the Rolling Mill and Valley Mill at Youngstown, and later was a puddler at the Haselton Plant.

For the past twenty years Mr. Morgan has been actively identified with public affairs. He served as township trustee from 1898 to 1907. Since then he has been actively connected with the highway department of the county, working with the good roads board. Mahoning County now has 300 miles of high class roads, and Mr. Morgan has had something to do with them all. At a recent election he was chosen to serve as county commissioner.

December 22, 1892, Mr. Morgan married Miss Mary Morgan, daughter of Samuel Morgan. She was born at Youngstown, Ohio. Their two daughters are Irene and Doris, both of whom attended the Shehy School and are graduates of the Rayen High School. They are now teachers in the public schools, having taken their normal work in the Youngstown Training School. Mr. Morgan is affiliated with Youngstown Lodge No. 403, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of St. David's Society.

Rocco Andrew Montani, M. D. Eight years a resident of Youngstown, Doctor Montani has gained an enviable position in his profession and is not only a high-minded and successful physician and surgeon but a thorough and deeply patriotic American citizen.

Doctor Montani was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 28, 1884, a son of Ferdinand and Maria (Giuseppa) Montani. His parents were young people when they came to the United States from Italy. His father was a broker. The Montanis comprised a very musical family, and their talents gave a justified fame to the Montani musical organization, which existed for a number of years and frequently furnished musical entertainment to Indianapolis and many cities of the state. As a family they enjoyed the personal friendship of Vice President Fairbanks and President Harrison and other notables of Indianapolis. Ferdinand Montani and wife had three children, the other two sons being: Domenick A., an attorney at Youngstown, and Anthony, a student in the University of West Virginia.

Doctor Montani graduated from the manual training school at Indianapolis in June, 1904, spent two years in the Indiana State University at Bloomington, and graduated from the Indianapolis Medical College in 1910. For one year he was an interne in the Indianapolis City Hospital.

It was through the influence of his friend Giovanni Passarelli, former Italian consul at Indianapolis and now a well known Youngstown banker, that Doctor Montani came to Youngstown and began practice. His choice of a home is one that he has always considered fortunate, and here he has not only found friends, but many opportunities for usefulness. He is serving on the staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital and has taken numerous post-graduate courses. He is a member of the Mahoning Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, is an Elk and a member of St. Columba's Catholic Church.

May 3, 1911, he married Eufrasia R. Marone, a native of Italy. Their three children are Maria, Ferdinand and Teresa.

Max E. Brunswick, of Youngstown, has earned much prestige as a lawyer, and a large and important clientage has been attracted to him since he began practice.

Mr. Brunswick was born in Youngstown May 11, 1879, son of Emanuel and Jennie (Kalisky) Brunswick. Emanuel Brunswick was a native of Switzerland, the oldest republic in the world. The mother is a native of New York State, and descended from an early colonial family. Thus Max E. Brunswick is not only an American by birth, but of thorough republican traditions and inheritance. Emanuel Brunswick came to the United States forty-five years ago and has been a citizen of Youngstown forty-one years. All of that time he has been connected with the dyeing and dry cleaning business, having one of the oldest establishments in the city. The original way of spelling his name was Braunsweig. His friends decided the name was too long and called his Brown, and most of the people of the city know him so. He and Jennie Kalisky were married in Cleveland, where her people had located from Elmira, New York. Both are members of the Jewish Temple. They are the parents of three children: Cecile, wife of Charles N. Levy, of Youngstown; Hyman W., an attorney; and Max E.

Max E. Brunswick attended the Wood Street School, graduating in 1894, and graduated from the Rayen High School in 1898. He afterward attended Western Reserve University at Cleveland, graduating in 1902, and after being admitted to the bar entered the office of General T. W. Sanderson at Youngstown. He was associated with General Sanderson until the latter's death six years later. Mr. Brunswick is the proud possessor of the Ohio section of General Sanderson's law library, one of the choicest collections of law books in Northeastern Ohio. This part of the library was willed to him by General Sanderson. Mr. Brunswick served two terms as city solicitor, his term of office expiring January 1, 1920, when he resumed the practice of law, with offices at 507 Mahoning Bank Building.

June 11, 1908, he married Miss Dorothy Friedman, daughter of Isaac Friedman of Youngstown. They were married on his mother's thirtieth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Brunswick have two children: Max E., Jr., and Jean Louise. Mr. Brunswick served as president of the Jewish Temple Building Commission, is a former president of the congregation, and is a life member of its Board of Trustees. He is affiliated with the Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Protective Home Circle.

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MARTIN J. CARNEY. A well known city official of Youngstown, Martin J. Carney has served as clerk of the Municipal Court since January 11, 1910, having devoted his entire time and attention to the duties of his position, and that his work has been duly appreciated is proved by his long tenure of office. A son of the late Martin Carney, he was born June 18, 1874, in Staffordshire, England, which was his home as a small child.

While a resident of England Martin Carney worked in the coal mines, but desirous of advancing his material condition he immigrated to the United States with his wife and children, settling in Youngstown, Ohio, where he secured work in the iron plants, being for a time with the Brown-Bonnell Company. Eventually becoming connected with the city street department, he continued as one of its employes until his death, November 11, 1913, aged seventy-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Berry, is now living with her son Martin J., being a hale and hearty woman of four score years. She is a devout member of Saint Columba's Church, to which her husband also belonged. Of the five children born of her marriage, two, Katherine and Anna, died in early womanhood, and three are living, as follows: Martin J., the special subject of this brief sketch; Mary, wife of William Landers, a conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; and Lizzie, wife of Edward Stivers, a stone contractor, living in Kent, Ohio.

Acquiring his education in Saint Columba's School, Martin J. Carney, being the only son of the parental household, began to help support the family as a boy of fourteen years. Entering the American Sheet & Tube Plant in a minor capacity, he was promoted from time to time, and while holding a responsible position in the stock department resigned from the work. Going to Pennsylvania, he secured a position on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and after eight years was made brakeman on the same road, a position which he held for six years, when he had the misfortune to lose his left leg, having it taken off just above the knee. Mr. Carney, when able to resume work, entered the employ of the Republic Iron & Steel Company at the Bessemer Plant, with which he was actively identified until 1910, when he was appointed clerk of the Police Court by Judge Brand Miller, a position which he is ably and satisfactorily filling.

Mr. Carney married, in 1899, Minnie H. Landers, who was born in Youngstown, a daughter of William and Mary Landers, and a sister of William Landers, Jr. Six children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Carney, namely: Edward, a graduate of the Rayen High School and now with the Truscon Steel Company; Marie McGrath, attending the graded schools; Frank, also in school; Dorothy; Wilford; and Grace. The family are all members of Saint Columba's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Carney, a talented musician, belongs to the choir of that church, and sang at Father Mears's silver and golden jubilees. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus; of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America; and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

OTTO MEDICUS is a fine representative of the native born citizens of Youngstown, possesses mechanical ability and genius of a high order, and as a carpenter and contractor has been actively identified with the upbuilding of this section of the Mahoning Valley. A son of Charles H. and Theresa Medicus, he was born January 10, 1887, and was educated in the Hillman, West Side and Elm Street schools, attending regularly throughout the days of his boyhood and youth.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. Medicus learned the carpenter's trade, and since growing to manhood has been more or less associated with his father in the building business as a member of the firm of C. H. Medicus & Son. He is a member of the Youngstown Builders' Exchange, and since April, 1918, has served his native city as building inspector, filling that exacting position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all those who have the best interests of the community at heart.

Mr. Medicus married, in 1907, Blanche, daughter of Samuel Schontz, and they have two sons, Robert and Mark. Both Mr. and Mrs. Medicus are consistent members of Grace English Lutheran Church.

CHARLES H. MEDICUS. A man of sterling worth and integrity, Charles H. Medicus has been a resident of Youngstown for upwards of forty years, and during that time, as a carpenter and builder, has had something to do with the construction of many of the more prominent public buildings, churches and residences of the city. He was born in 1853 in Germany, a son of Frederich Charles Medicus, a Frenchman, who died in early life.

Left fatherless at the age of ten years, Charles H. Medicus came to the United States alone three years later, joining an uncle, Joseph Medicus, in Philadelphia. Migrating to Ohio in 1876, he spent three years in Cleveland, and in 1879 came to Youngstown to work for C. H. Andrews, with whom he remained five years, becoming proficient in his trades of carpenter and stair builder, at which he had previously worked in both Philadelphia and Baltimore. Becoming a contractor on his own account in 1884, Mr. Medicus secured his full share of constructive work in the city, among other buildings that he erected having been the residences of Thomas Wells, John R. Squires, John Brennan, Thomas Parrock, and others; the Park Theatre; many church and school buildings; twelve buildings and the offices for the Republic Iron & Steel Company; and erected two large business buildings for David Tod. He also superintended the construction of the Mercer County Court House, Mercer, Pennsylvania; superintended the building of the Youngstown Young Woman's Christian Association Building; built the Rodef Sholem Temple on Elm Street in Youngstown, Ohio; the Julius Kahn Residence on Tod Lane and many other residences in Youngstown, and also superintended the erection of the Reuben McMillan Free Library.

Mr. Medicus married, in 1880, Theresa, daughter of August Fischer, and into their pleasant home five sons and three daughters have been born, namely: Charles A., who had been associated in business with his father, died January 19, 1919, aged

thirty-eight years; Emiel, a noted musician, is a resident of Asheville, North Carolina; Otto, of whom a brief sketch is given elsewhere in this volume; Randall, an architect, is associated with Paul Boucherle, of Youngstown; Fred, an architect, now in business with his father, served in France for a year during the World war, being with the Motor Supply Department; Henrietta, wife of Andrew Brackett, of this city; Augusta, wife of Stuart Henry, of Youngstown; and Augusta, the first daughter, died at the age of five years.

Mr. Medicus and family are members of Grace English Lutheran Church, and he erected the church edifice. He is an active member of the Builders' Exchange. Politically he is a republican, but he casts his vote, regardless of party restrictions, for those he deems best fitted for the office.

Nate H. Forsyth. A man of energy and enterprise, possessing much business ability and tact, Nate H. Forsyth, a well-known pattern maker of Youngstown, is actively identified with the advancement of the manufacturing interests of Mahoning County, being president and manager of the Youngstown Pattern Company, of which Ex-Mayor A. W. Craver is the secretary. A son of Richard N. Forsyth, he was born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 9, 1864.

Richard N. Forsyth was born and bred in Virginia, where he learned the trade of a moulder. Settling in Maryland, he was for many years a foreman in the shops of that state, but during the Civil war was in the Union service as an inspector of guns, being located in Baltimore. He married Benann Parsons, a native of Maryland, and into their home a large family of children were born. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally he was one of the first members of the Knights of Pythias.

The third child of the parental household, Nate H. Forsyth was educated in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years began learning the pattern maker's trade, working for two years in the Nordyke-Marmon plant at Indianapolis, Indiana. Completing his trade with the Walker Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio, he subsequently followed his trade in various cities of the Middle West, gaining valuable knowledge and experience. In 1880 Mr. Forsyth came to Mahoning County and was one of the organizers of the Buckeye Pattern Company, which was located on East Federal Street, on the site now occupied by the Youngstown Ice Company. Three years later, as head of the newly-established Forsyth Pattern Works, he opened a shop on North Watt Street, at the Erie Railroad Crossing, and two years thereafter moved to the Malaber Building. Subsequently the firm, under the name of the Forsyth Pattern Company, was located for a time on East Madison Avenue, at the McGuffey Street Bridge. Since the formation of the Youngstown Pattern Company, of which Mr. Forsyth is president and manager, the plant, which is constructed of concrete especially for the pattern works, has been located at the corner of Oak Street and Andrews Avenue. Mr. Forsyth has the distinction of having opened the first job shop in the city, being the pioneer pattern maker.

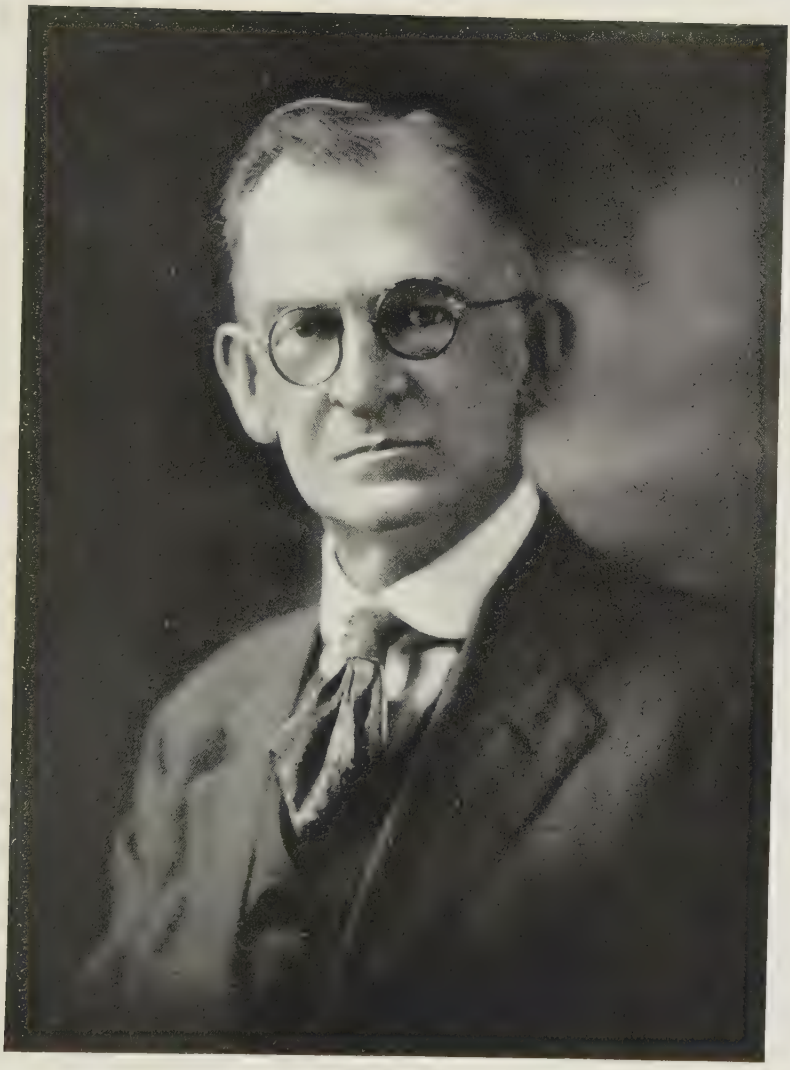
Mr. Forsyth married in Bucyrus, Ohio, Miss Allie E., daughter of Fred Tipple. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth have two children, Nate F. and Allen R. Rev. Nate F. Forsyth is now in Whiting, Indiana, where he is engaged in Americanization work. He recived the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Maine, at Orino, Maine, and was graduated from the Boston School of Theology. Allen R. Forsyth, a graduate of the University of Ohio, served during the recent World war with the Youngstown Base Hospital. He is now engaged at 909-911 Elm Street in the drug business. Religiously Mr. Forsyth is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Chamber of Commerce.

Jerome Hull is county superintendent of schools in Mahoning County. He has lived in this county all his life and was actively identified with teaching and school administration before he was elected to his present office.

Mr. Hull was born on a farm in Ellsworth Township October 3, 1881, son of Eddie M. and Mary Ellen (Baird) Hull. The Hulls are an old and prominent family of Mahoning County. His great-grandfather, Andrew Hull, was an American soldier in the War of 1812, and from his early home in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, moved to Northeastern Ohio. Soon after his arrival here a son, Michael Hull, was born, who spent his life as a prosperous farmer. He was closely identified with the progress of his community and helped build the United Brethren Church in Berlin Township, the church in which he worshiped the rest of his days. His oldest son, Hiram, was a Union soldier during the Civil war.

E. M. Hull was born in Berlin Township, Mahoning County, April 20, 1857, and died July 28, 1919, on a farm in Ellsworth Township, where he had resided for forty years. He had become well to do in the practice of agriculture. He had a district school education and in after years served as director and trustee of his local schools. Like his father he was very handy with tools. E. M. Hull's mother was of Scotch parentage. On September 25, 1878, E. M. Hull married Miss Mary Ellen Baird, who was born in Green Township of Mahoning County. Her father, Jacob Baird, was a successful trader, a good farmer and a successful business man, and was a highly respected member of his community. Mary Ellen Hull was born sixty years ago. She is a member of the Reformed Church. Her three children are: Charles, a farmer and salesman living in Canfield Township; Monroe, a farmer in Ellsworth Township; and Jerome.

Jerome Hull attended the schools of Ellsworth Township and took both his preparatory and normal collegiate courses in Canfield, receiving his degree from the Northeast Ohio Normal in 1904. He taught two district schools before graduating. After leaving the Normal he was for four years principal of the village schools in Canfield, and for six years superintendent of the Boardman centralized schools. His excellent work in those schools gave him a high standing in the county, and with a recognition of his



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qualifications the people of Mahoning County had no difficulty in discriminating in his favor when the choice came for a county superintendent.

Mr. Hull is a member of the Northeast Ohio Teachers' Association, the Ohio State Teachers' Association and the National Educational Association, and is a member of Canfield Lodge of Masons. During the war he was personally and through his county office very active in the different war campaigns.

WILLIAM WILSON MCDOWELL. Youngstown has been more fortunate than many industrial cities in the matter of police organization. The efficiency and honor of this department are due largely to the long service of William Wilson McDowell as chief of police. Mr. McDowell, now head of the McDowell Detective Agency, was head of the police department for twenty years, and also served as director of public safety.

He was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1859, and came to manhood after a severe battle with poverty and hardship. His parents were Mathias and Jane (Leech) McDowell, also natives of Greenville. Mathias McDowell died December 25, 1865, leaving his widow and a family of nine children, the care and support of whom devolved upon the good mother, who had few resources to aid her in the struggle. She lived to be about sixty years of age and died thirty years ago.

William Wilson McDowell was next to the youngest in the family and even as a boy he had to work and contribute to the support of the family. A part of his education was much neglected. At the age of nineteen he began learning the trade of carriage maker and blacksmithing in Greenville. The first year he was paid fifty cents a day, the second year seventy-five cents, the third year a dollar a day. It was in the capacity of a mechanic that he first became known in Youngstown, being employed at the Siegfried-Lemley shop, which stood where the Ohio Hotel is located.

Mr. McDowell became a member of the Youngstown police force in 1890. Youngstown at that time was little more than a village. In 1894 he was promoted to chief of police, and filled that office until 1914. During these twenty years Youngstown made its forward strides as a great industrial center, but at all times and in all emergencies Mr. McDowell was fully prepared and equipped to cope with every situation that arose. There were numerous strikes during those twenty years, but never once did Mr McDowell appeal to the aid of the militia. It was understood by the strikers that they could expect absolutely fair and impartial treatment from the chief of the police. As long as property was protected and law and order maintained they were certain to receive a square deal. Five years after retiring from the office of chief of police, Mr. McDowell was made director of public safety in January, 1919; and held the office until January 1, 1920. When he took charge of the police force it comprised fifteen members. Twenty years later, when he left, there were ninety-seven under his supervision. Upon retiring from the department of public safety in 1920 Mr. McDowell organized the McDowell Detective Agency and is well equipped with a corps of efficient help to pursue this profession, making a specialty of private work.

In 1887 he married Ida Hunter, daughter of Alec Hunter, of Mercer, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Gertrude, wife of A. H. Hughes; Randall Montgomery, of Youngstown; and Helen J., wife of J. J. Harris, of Youngstown. Mrs. McDowell and children are members of the Plymouth Church. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Elks.

JAMES B. MOORE, one of the leading residents of Poland Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, and owner of one of the best farming properties in that section, is an enterprising and skilful farmer, well representative of the successful agriculturists of the state. His farm, upon which he has lived all his life, is situated about 2½ miles to the northward of Lowellville, Poland Township, and the nucleus of it has been in the possession of the Moore family for more than a century, the family thus having good place among the pioneer settlers in the Mahoning Valley. James B. Moore has operated a threshing machine equipment for thirty years, and throughout his manhood has manifested a commendable and useful public spirit. He has been a school director for eighteen years, and for many years has been an elder of his church.

He was born in the Moore family homestead, which is now his, in Poland Township on March 15, 1857, the son of James and grandson of John, his birth occurring about forty-three years after that of his father, James, Sr., on the same place.

John Moore, pioneer ancestor and grandfather of James B., was born March 17, 1782, in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Mary Oram, who became his wife on April 1, 1801, was born in the same county on December 27, 1785. Soon after the marriage John Moore and his wife and a neighbor, John Buchanan and his wife, came on horseback into the Western Reserve and settled on adjoining tracts of wild land in Poland Township, Mahoning County, Ohio. All of the children of John and Mary (Oram) Moore were born in Poland Township.

They included James, Sr., father of James B. James, Sr., was born July 23, 1814, and was destined eventually to marry the daughter of John Buchanan, the companion of his father and fellow-pioneer. James Moore was married on June 11, 1844, to Amy Buchanan, who was born October 19, 1818, on the farm that adjoined the Moore property. Her parents, John and Mary (Applegate) Buchanan, like his parents died in Poland Township, which eventually was also the place of their deaths, James Moore dying on August 29, 1872, and Amy (Buchanan) Moore, his widow, on March 17, 1881. James Moore, Sr., lived his whole life on the farm, industriously developing it, clearing the timber, and gradually bringing the land into good tillable state. He built a comfortable house, in which his family lived during the latter part of his life, although the frame house built by his father, John Moore, in 1835 still stands, their original log house having apparently been demolished. James and Amy (Buchanan) Moore were the parents of the following children: Mary Amy,

who married Walter Buchanan, and they both died in Missouri; Margaret, who married Morrison Dickson, and died at Lowellville, Poland Township; Edna, who married William McKinley, their home being in Trumbull County, Ohio; Rose, the wife of John McNevin, of Youngstown; John, who lives in Hubbard Township, Trumbull County, Ohio; and is a well-known educator, having been a school teacher in the Mahoning Valley for forty years; James, of whom more follows; Catherine, who married David Duer, of Trumbull County, and is now deceased; David, who lives in Struthers, Poland Township.

James B., son of James and Amy (Buchanan) Moore, was born on the Moore homestead in Poland Township, March 15, 1857, and has remained on it throughout his life. He was educated in the schoolhouse on his own farm, and long before he had left school had been in the habit of undertaking many of the minor tasks of the home farm. And after his schooling had ended he took resolutely to the more burdensome operations of the farm. Eventually he bought out the heirs in about sixty acres of the old Moore tract, and now has more than eighty acres. He has farmed his holding well, and his industry has shown itself in the improvements he now has upon the property, all of which he built. His farming has been of the general character, and he has had good success with cattle. He is interested in almost all that pertains to agriculture, has profited by his close attention to the modern methods of farming, many of the more practical of which he has introduced into his own operations. His farm is maintained in a high state of fertility, and is one of the modern properties of the community. For many years he has, more or less, operated a threshing machine, at convenient times, when the affairs of his own farm have not been pressing. Mr. Moore has shown a useful spirit of co-operation in the affairs of the township, and generally has been a willing supporter of community movements and responsibility. He has for eighteen years been a member of the school board, and in many other ways has proved himself to be a public-spirited citizen. During the recent war he demonstrated his loyalty in a very practical manner, applying himself more closely to matters of production and of increased production upon his home farm, and to the prevention of waste. He also contributed as much as he was able to to the various loans asked for the purposes of the nation in the war.

On November 17, 1885, he married Carrie Belle Kerns, daughter of Levi and Nancy (Sherrer) Kerns, of Poland Township. Her father, who was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, married in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, in early manhood. Soon afterward he came with his wife into Ohio, settling on a farm which is now included in the boundaries of Struthers Village, Poland Township, Mahoning County, where for forty-seven years he lived and farmed industriously for the greater part of the time. His daughter, Mrs. Moore, was born on the farm on November 17, 1857. She was well educated, and after completing her schooling became a teacher, teaching in the public schools of Mahoning County for nine terms prior to her marriage to James B. Moore. Four children were born to James B. and Carrie B. (Kerns) Moore: Bertha May, who was born on August 29, 1886, died March 15, 1915, aged twenty-eight years. She had been well educated, had graduated from the Rayen High School, Youngstown, and had been a very well-regarded teacher in the Lowellville schools for nine years prior to her decease. She had also been very earnest and active in church and Sunday school work. Clyde Lewis, who was born on October 27, 1888, attended Lowellville school, and graduated from the Rayen High School in 1914, and also graduated from the Ohio State University as a civil engineer in which professional capacity he is connected with Youngstown people now. During the war he did valuable Government work, having been in Government service for eighteen months during the emergency. He was assigned because of his technical training to work as an inspector of aeroplane material at Buffalo. He had for two years prior to the war been doing Government work at the Madison, Wisconsin, State University, that work being in connection with railroad valuation. Herman Clifford, born June 21, 1891, graduated from Lowellville High School, after which he gave his whole time to matters connected with the operation of the farm. Edna Louise is deceased. She was born on March 4, 1896, and died January 8, 1917. After graduating from the Lowellville High School, and taking the course at the Normal School at Canfield, Mahoning County, she gave every promise of a successful career as a teacher, when death suddenly ended her life, in her twenty-first year.

Samuel Siddall. One of the prominent and successful business men of the Mahoning Valley is Samuel Siddall, of Warren, who has been closely identified with the industrial interests of the valley for the last twenty-five years and who, as a progressive and popular citizen, has been prominent in the civic and social affairs of Warren for the last ten years.

While not a native of the valley, Mr. Siddall has spent his mature years amidst its haze and smoke, which haze and smoke his efforts helped to create. He was born April 23, 1865, at Sharon, Pennsylvania, just over the state line, and is of English parentage. His father, the late Samuel Siddall, was born in England in 1825, came to the United States when young, and was for many years superintendent of coal mines at Sharon. He married Mary E. Urmson, who was born in England in 1827, and, like her husband, came to America in her young days. The father died in 1905, the mother in 1907.

Samuel Siddall (2d) was educated in the public schools and the Sharon (Pennsylvania) Business College. He began his active career as messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Sharon. He learned telegraphy and in time was appointed operator at the Sharon station of the Erie Railway. Still in the service of that railroad, he came to Warren in the fall of 1883 as clerk and operator, and in 1889 was given the larger responsibilities of freight and ticket agent in charge of the main line of the Erie and of the Mahoning Division. His service as a railroad man continued until July 1, 1893, when he left the Erie to join J. W. and W. D.

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Packard in the manufacture of incandescent lamps, motors and transformers, the Packard Company at that time being one of the chief industries at Warren, as it is today. He was assistant to the secretary-treasurer of the company and the trusted and confidential adviser and executive for the brothers. He left the Packard Company late in 1894 to become traveling salesman for the Union Iron and Steel Company of Youngstown, of which Myron C. Wick was president, George D. Wick, vice president, and W. E. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. This corporation in 1897 put him in charge of its sales department. The American Steel Hoop Company upon its organization absorbed the plant and business of the Union Iron & Steel Company, and the new corporation sent Mr. Siddall to Chicago as its sales agent, later transferring him to Cincinnati as district sales manager, where he continued until the organization of the United States Steel Corporation, at which time the American Steel Hoop Company was absorbed by the Carnegie Steel Company. After some other interesting relations with the iron and steel business Mr. Siddall in 1906 became secretary of the Garry Iron & Steel Company of Cleveland, which had been reorganized and financed by the Wick interests of Youngstown. George D. Wick became president of the new company. In the spring of 1907 Mr. Siddall was made treasurer and general manager of the Garry Company. In the spring of 1910 the Garry Company bought the Empire Iron & Steel Company at Niles, of which Jonathan Warner was president and principal owner. This business was reorganized with George D. Wick as president and Mr. Siddall as vice president and general manager, and under their management the plant continued operation until February 1, 1912, when both the Empire Iron & Steel Company and the Garry Iron & Steel Company were sold to the Brier Hill Steel Company.

At that point Mr. Siddall took the opportunity of getting a well merited vacation, and spent several months at his summer home on Georgian Bay. In December, 1912, he returned to active business by buying an interest in the Warren Iron and Steel Company and became its secretary and treasurer, later vice president and treasurer. His experience and ability guided this corporation through a period of increasing prosperity until September 1, 1919, when he disposed of all his interests in the company and has since practically been retired from active business.

Mr. Siddall is affiliated with Old Erie Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mahoning Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, is president of the Warren Rotary Club, president of the Wesleyan Club of Warren and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the American Iron and Steel Institute and the Youngstown Club.

Mr. Siddall married Katherine E. Graham, daughter of Robert T. Graham of Warren.

Mr. Siddall is a selfmade man in the truest sense of that often abused term, for he began his business career at the very bottom of the ladder, and has climbed to success through inherent ability and persistent application, backed up by ambition to succeed. His popularity as a business man and citizen prevails not only in Warren and the Mahoning Valley, but likewise in other parts of the country, and is the natural result of these traits of character and his personality, a combination which has brought him business success and a place among industrial leaders. He has been intimately associated with many of the men of big business of this part of the country, among whom he measures up in both ability and achievement. As a business man he has won a place among the leaders, as a private citizen he is by public opinion accorded a place among the worth-while men of Warren, and his personality has endeared him to his intimates and commands the respect of all who know him.

William Tudor Griswold. One of the men of Warren who has made himself conspicuous as an upright and dependable merchant, is W. T. Griswold. He is descended from two old families of the Western Reserve. Judge Griswold, who was the founder of the family in the Buckeye State left his native state of Connecticut for the Western Reserve in 1799, and his grandson, Hiram Griswold, grandfather of William T. Griswold, was born in an ox cart while the family was en route.

Judge Griswold came of English ancestry. He became the leading citizen of Windsor, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he settled. Solomon Howes, the maternal grandfather, was also a native of Connecticut, and an early settler in the Town of Windsor, Ashtabula County. Ezra Griswold, father of William T. Griswold, was born at Windsor, Ashtabula County, Ohio, and spent all of his life in that county in the store and on the farm. His wife, Elvira (Howes) Griswold, was born in Connecticut and came with her parents to Ohio when she was a girl.

W. T. Griswold was bornat Windsor, Ashtabula County, Ohio, on February 12, 1864. He was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools and the New Lynne Institute. Following the completion of his studies he taught school for one year, and then clerked in a country store for about five years. During this period he was developing his capabilities and saving his money. By 1889 he was able to establish himself in a business of his own at Warren, Ohio, where he opened a "racket store" on a very small scale, with a capital not to exceed $1,000, but it was his own, and he knew how to run it so that it was a success from the start, and grew with each year. Its expansion was so great that in 1906 Mr. Griswold incorporated it as The Griswold Company, the incorporation being a close one, confined to himself and his employes. As an evidence of the growth of the business it may be stated that his initial yearly volume of business during 1889 of $15,000 has been expanded until in 1919 it aggregated $400,000. Mr. Griswold is now and always has been treasurer and general manager of the company, and to his ability, foresight and acumen more than to any other influence, the success of his company is due.

Mr. Griswold has other business interests, among which may be mentioned a directorship in the Union Savings and Trust Company of Warren. He is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the Trumbull Club and Warren Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1891 Mr. Griswold was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Hull, of Vernon Township, Trumbull County, and five children have been born to them: Truman H., who was graduated from Cornell University in 1915, has been a chemist in the employ of the United States Government. Ralph E. was graduated from Cornell University in 1917, after a five years' course, during which he specialized in landscape gardening. He enlisted for service during the great war, served in France, winning four stars, and after the signing of the armistice took a special course in France. He is now a student in the American Academy at Rome, Italy, to which institution he won a three-year fellowship. Wade E. was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1918, was commissioned junior lieutenant, served with the American fleet in the North Sea during the World war, and is now attached to the western fleet. Oliver T. is a student at St. John's Military Academy. Mabel Louise is now in high school in Washington, District of Columbia.

Robert W. Kay. Many years of faithful service have earned Robert W. Kay a place of esteeem and confidence in several well known business enterprises of the Youngstown district. Since going into business for himself he has been at the head of a leading automobile sales agency in the city.

Mr. Kay was born on what is now Commerce Street in Youngstown January 16, 1871, son of Frank J., and Etta (Hoyt) Kaiser. On March 11, 1918, by a court order Robert for obvious reasons had his name changed to Robert W. Kay. His father, who was born in Germany in 1841, was only a child when his people settled in Cleveland, Ohio. From there he removed to New Bloomfield, then to Rock Creek, and many years ago came to Youngstown. He was a good, honest shoemaker and shoe merchant, and later for many years was with Myron Wick in the iron mill, until he was retired on a pension. He is an active member of the Belmont Avenue Methodist Church, a Mason and a republican. His wife died in 1903. They were the parents of six children: Clara, wife of Frank Probst, of Wheeling, West Virginia; Frank G., who was killed by lightning while living in Poland Township; Fannie, wife of C. J. Greer; Orson D., who also had his name changed to Kay, is general auditor in the General Fire Proofing Company at Youngstown; and Lillie, wife of F. E. Wierman, of Salem.

Robert W. Kay acquired his early education in the public schools, also had private tutors, took special courses with the International Correspondence School at Scranton, attended night schools, and never lost an opportunity to learn from every available source what he could about business and his own special line of employment. His first regular wages were earned as an office boy with the Mahoning Valley Iron Company. When he left that firm two years later he was shipper in the shafting works. For a short time he was shipper for the Falcon Company at Niles, and then entered the office of the Youngstown Street Railway Company under Uncle Billie Cornelius. From there he went to the Union Iron and Steel Company as assistant shipper, and was employed at Youngstown, Pittsburgh, New York and other points, in the invoice department. His longest single service was sixteen years with the Youngstown Iron and Steel Roofing Company. He was chief clerk of that business until the plant was sold. Then followed a few months of well earned rest, after which he took up the selling of automobiles. His first place of business was on Commerce Street, and since April, 1918, the Kay Motor Company has been at 789 Wick Avenue. This company maintain a very commodious and handsome garage and showrooms, and are the authorized agents of the Chalmers and Maxwell cars.

Mr. Kay married October 1, 1891, Rebecca Powell, daughter of William and Louisa Powell. She was born at Girardville, Pennsylvania. They are members of the Belmont Avenue Methodist Church. Mr. Kay is a past master of Hillman Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and a member of the Youngstown Automobile Club and Chamber of Commerce.

William A. Neracher. The story of the Neracher family involves, however briefly, the history of one of the great American industries, one of the original branches of which has always been at Warren. This is the General Fire Extinguisher Company, which many years ago had its modest beginning at Warren as The Neracher Sprinkler Company.

The founder of the business was the late William Neracher, who was born in Switzerland in 1841 and came to this country with his parents at the age of nine years. At the opening of the Civil war he enlisted as a private in the Twentieth Ohio Battery, Field Artillery, at Cleveland, and served all through the war, and for good soldierly qualities and conduct was commissioned a second lieutenant and at the end of the struggle was the youngest official of that rank in the Ohio Artillery. After the war he became a member of his father's firm, operating under the name of Joseph Neracher & Brothers, proprietors of a planing mill and cabinet factory on Clifton Street in Cleveland, Ohio.

William Neracher was of an inventive turn of mind—a man of far-seeing mechanical genius. He had some fifteen or twenty inventions to his credit, the last and best amongst them being the Neracher automatic fire sprinkler, the result of many years of experimentation. Mr. Neracher finally completed it to his satisfaction and had it patented in the United States and in foreign countries, and then undertook the equally difficult task of gaining a market. To recite all the difficulties in the way and to describe the prejudices which had to be overcome would be a long story in itself, but he battled against all obstacles and patiently submitted his invention to repeated demonstrations and tests under actual fire. One of the earliest plants equipped with the Neracher sprinkler system was the Diamond Match Works at Akron, of which the late Ohio C. Barber was president. So well satisfied were Mr. Barber and his associates with the practicability of the automatic sprinkler system and with its business future that he bought a half interest in the patent. At that time Mr. Barber was president of the Paige

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Tube Works at Warren. It was for that reason that Warren was determined upon as the home of the sprinkler works, since the Paige Tube Company could supply it with all its piping. The Neracher Sprinkler Company was accordingly organized, and quietly took its place among the industries of Warren. At that time John Hill of Columbus, Georgia, was making another type of sprinkler. The Neracher company bought the Hill patents and combined the two businesses under the firm name of the Neracher & Hill Sprinkler Company, continuing the manufacture of sprinkler equipments both at Warren, Ohio, and in Columbus, Georgia. Later on the sprinkler patents of Joseph Clapp of Chicago and of John Kane of Philadelphia were acquired. Then a few years later came a still larger amalgamation, when the Neracher & Hill Sprinkler Company consolidated with the Providence Steam & Gas Pipe Company of Providence, Rhode Island, the latter being manufacturers of the well known Grinnell sprinkler. As a result of this consolidation there was incorporated in the State of New York the General Fire Extinguisher Company, which has since maintained its two main plants at Warren, Ohio, and at Providence, Rhode Island. This is now a national and international industry with branch plants at Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Georgia, Charlotte, North Carolina, Montreal and Toronto, Canada, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

In the meantime the Warren plant had continued to grow and prosper, with William Neracher, Sr., as general manager and director. He was actively identified with the business until his death in 1903, at the age of sixty-two. William Neracher married Margaret Susan Kaiser, who was born in Germany in 1848 and is still residing at Cleveland, Ohio.

Their son, William A. Neracher, now second vice president, director and member of the executive committee of the General Fire Extinguisher Company, was born in Cleveland, June 7, 1868. He was reared and educated in his native city, attending public and parochial schools. At the age of fourteen he was earning his living working for the Rhodes and Beidler Coal Company of Cleveland. He remained with the coal company five years, but in the meantime put in many extra hours at night helping his father at sprinkler engineering work. His father at that time was making almost unaided his original types of sprinklers. At the age of nineteen the son was admitted to partnership with his father, and before the age of twenty-one was a member of the Neracher Sprinkler Company at Warren, of which a year later he was elected secretary. He has ever since been an executive officer of the various companies and is today one of the vice presidents of the larger corporation already noted.

In addition Mr. Neracher is president of the Borden Company at Warren; president of the Berkshire Hills Company of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and vice president of the General Phonograph Corporation of New York, the largest independent musical machine manufacturing concern in the world. In his home city Mr. W. A. Neracher is identified with the Warren City Hospital as a trustee and is a member of the Warren Rotary Club, the Country Club, Knights of Columbus and of the Board of Trade.

G. Ludwig Knapp. Through his operations covering a period of five years G. Ludwig Knapp has established a very enviable and substantial position among the real estate men of the City of Warren.

Mr. Knapp, whose earlier career was spent as a machinist, was born at Girard, Ohio, April 23, 1888, a son of Mathew J. Knapp. His father, who was born at Hillsdale, Michigan, September 19, 1861, was for many years a merchant at Girard and retired from business only a few years ago.

G. Ludwig Knapp was reared and educated in Girard and at the age of sixteen began an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade with the Harris Automatic Press Company at Niles. After that he followed his trade in Youngstown, Geneva, Canton, Cleveland, Chicago, and South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He first came to Warren in March, 1911, but a year later went to Cleveland and for three years was in the tool and die making department of the National Electric Lamp Company of that city.

When Mr. Knapp returned to Warren in 1915 he gave up his trade and engaged in the real estate brokerage business, and has since handled many important transactions in and around the city, and is a recognized authority on real estate values and opportunities. He also holds a commission as a notary public. Mr. Knapp is a member of the Warren Board of Trade, the Warren Real Estate Board, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Loyal Order of Moose and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He married Blanche Egan, daughter of the late Frank P. Egan of Warren. Their children are named Rosemary, Billy, Betty, Bobby and Blanche.

Brownlee Family. The Brownlee family, prominently represented in Boardman Township and other localities of the Mahoning Valley, originated in Scotland, where the Brownlees were free holding farmers. One member of the family came to America early in the nineteenth century and in 1812 moved from Southwestern Pennsylvania to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he spent the rest of his years. Among his five or six sons two, Alexander and David, became pioneers in Mahoning County and acquired large tracts of land, while another brother, William, was an early settler in New York State and became a minister of the Reformed Church.

Still another son was John Brownlee, who had a farm not far from the City of Glasgow, Scotland. He married Margaret Wilson, and he died in 1832, while in the midst of preparations to move to America and join other members of the family. It was left to his widow to carry out those plans, and she brought her children to the United States, traveling by canal and lake to Ashtabula County, and thence to Mahoning County, where she lived until her death in 1865, at the age of eighty-four. She was the mother of five sons, Alexander, Thomas, William, David and James A.

The youngest of these sons and the last survivor was James Archibald Brownlee, who was born in Scotland, February 4, 1825, and was seven years of age when he came to America. While he gained the

rudiments of an education as taught in a pioneer log schoolhouse near the family home, he also had the regular discipline of work on the farm, and his entire life was one of industry and honorable relationships. He became a successful farmer and stockman and for many years supplied a large part of the fresh meat consumed at Youngstown. In politics he was a republican, and was frequently honored with such offices as trustee, assessor and land appraiser.

James A. Brownlee married on March 16, 1854, Rebecca Gilchrist, who was born at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1832, daughter of James and Grace Gilchrist. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee died in 1916, the former on June 18th and the latter January 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee became the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy and those to reach mature years were: Mary, James H., John, at the old homestead at Brownlee Woods, and Edwin A., a practicing physician of Struthers, twins; Eva, who became the wife of David Blunt, at Poland; Irvin, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Ralph, at Gary, Indiana, and Grace, who became the wife of George Hunter, residing at Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Albert Elton. As an incorporator and one of those active in promoting the Youngstown Automobile Dealers' Association, Albert Elton was actuated by those ideals which have won for him a foremost position in the business world of Youngstown, in which he is recognized as a leader. He is general manager of the Elton Motor Company, which is one of the oldest motor car businesses in the city. It was established in 1905.

Of a pleasing personality, Mr. Elton was endowed with a natural mechanical ability. His father, George Elton, for many years was master mechanic of the Valley mill, now a property of the Republic Iron & Steel Company. In that mill Albert Elton had his first taste of mechanics as an apprentice machinist.

Through several years Mr. Elton worked in many large cities and in the largest machine shops. He became interested in the early automobiles and entered the machine shop of one of the earliest factories—the Packard Company, at Warren, Ohio. He reached the peak of the machinists' trade in the shops of the Cadillac Motor Car Company in Detroit, and from that shop returned to Youngstown to establish the business in which he is recognized as a veteran with years of practical knowledge gained from experience in every department of factory production and retail marketing.

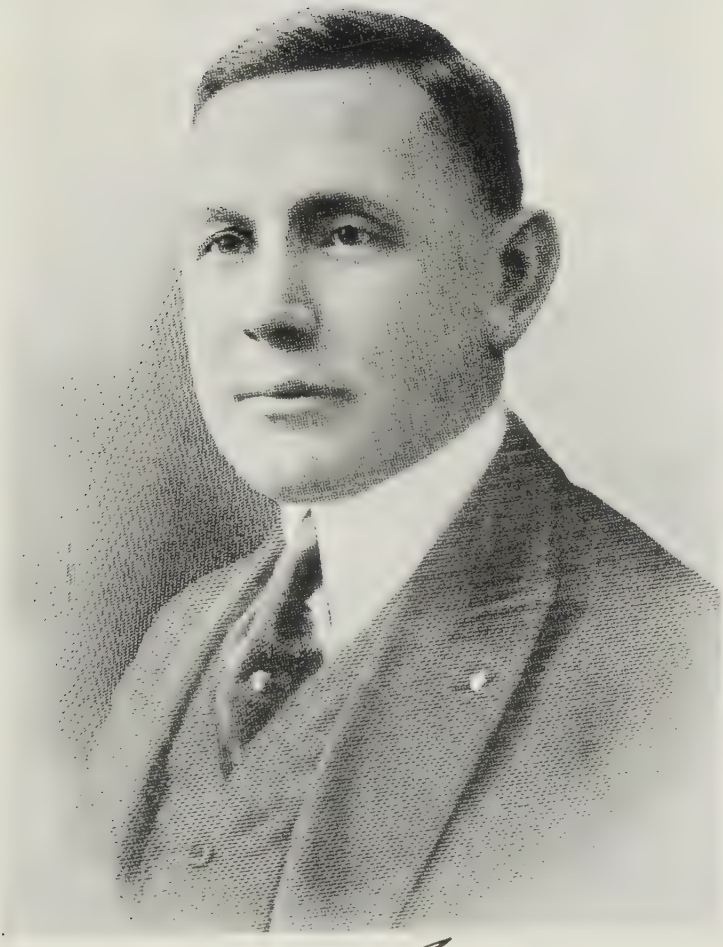
Pioneer activities in any line catch his interest, and in 1911 he became a pilot of aircraft, and was awarded a license in that year by the Aero Club of America. For more than two years he participated in aerial meets in various cities, piloting airplanes and hydroplanes. He was friendly with and a co-laborer with most of the daring early-day experimenters in aviation, and is one of the few of the early school who have lived to see the triumph of the navigation of the air lanes.

The first Cadillac sold by Mr. Elton went to C. S. Crooks, the widely known Youngstown operator, who has never changed his choice of cars since that first "one-lunger." For fifteen years the Elton Company has been one of the strongest distributing agencies in the Cadillac organization. The firm is made up of L. A. and C. A. Manchester, John R. Rowland, W. J. Roberts and R. E. Cornelius. It is capitalized at $50,000 and does a business of nearly $1,000,000 gross annually.

Albert Elton is the son of George and Lyda (Rodway) Elton, born in Youngstown August 9, 1883. He was married to Rosa P. Dunkel in February, 1905. They have two children, Virginia and Rodway. Mr. Elton is a member of Western Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the chapter, is a Knight Templar, thirty-second degree Mason; a member of the Lawrence Club (New Castle, Pa.), the Chamber of Commerce, the Youngstown Automobile Club, the Cleveland Athletic Club and the Youngstown Club.

Comfort C. Bowman, of Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, is of the pioneer family of that patronymic, about the early generations and collateral lines of which family, in their association with Mahoning Valley history, more will be found elsewhere in this edition. Comfort C. Bowman is the son of Andrew and grandson of Philip Casper, the three generations representing a residence of 114 years in the Mahoning Valley, in Green, Goshen and Ellsworth townships of Mahoning County. Comfort C. Bowman has throughout a long life dealt extensively in cattle and sheep, in that quest traveling long distances, both east and west, and for many years maintaining an average flock of 1,000 sheep. He and his brother operated one of the largest farms in the neighborhood; and for forty-six years Mr. Bowman has been a large buyer of wool, in some seasons handling as much as 100,000 pounds of that staple. He has a good public record; has participated in the public administration of the township; and has been a consistent churchman, a Presbyterian, and for fifteen years a trustee of the local church of that denomination. He has therefore maintained the good record of the Bowman family in the Mahoning Valley.

Comfort C. Bowman was born in Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, on January 24, 1850, the son of Andrew and Margaret (Bush) Bowman. The Bowman family is of French origin, coming originally from the province of Alsace, France. (See other references to Bowman family.) The family appears to have settled in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in colonial days, and Philip Casper Bowman, father of Andrew, and grandfather of Comfort C., was a soldier of the Revolution, participating in the battles of Trenton and Brandywine. In 1806 he came from Redstone, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, into the Western Reserve of Ohio, having secured a tract of 640 acres of wilderness in Green Township of Mahoning County, but at that time Columbiana County. As a matter of fact, the old Bowman property was situated in the northwestern corner of Green Township, and bordered upon both Goshen and Ellsworth townships. It is about a mile to the southward of the present homestead of Comfort C. Bowman of Ellsworth Township. Philip Casper Bowman lived on that tract of land for the remainder



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of his life. He died in old age, and was buried in St. John's Churchyard on Dutch Ridge. Subsequently, however, his body was exhumed so that it might be removed to Salem, where, on sacred ground, it was placed with the bodies of other Revolutionary soldiers whom the country desired to honor in memory. He had twelve children, among them Andrew.

Andrew, father of Comfort C., had also a brother of the same name, Comfort C., and the two brothers, for the greater part of their lives were business partners. The brothers Andrew and Comfort C. Bowman as young men acquired a large tract of wild land in Ellsworth Township, and until almost middle age both remained unmarried. Comfort married Elizabeth Reinhart, of Lisbon, Ohio, and died in 1870. Andrew married Margaret Bush, and died in 1888. The brothers after marriage continued in business partnership until both were older than sixty years. Eventually they divided their large estate, and from 1861 until his death, in 1888, Andrew lived in the home now owned by Comfort C., his son. The brothers owned about 1,000 acres, their farm being almost two miles from end to end. One hundred and thirty-two acres of it was their portion of their father's original holding in Green Township, but their land extended about a mile to the northward and westward of the corner of Green Township. At the division the brothers each owned about 500 acres, their properties of course adjoining, and they remained neighbors until the death of Comfort C., who for a short while before he married lived with Andrew and Andrew's wife, Margaret Bush. She was reared near Greenville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, her father, Andrew Bush, owning a farm of 1,200 acres in that neighborhood. She was, however, a daughter by the first marriage of Andrew Bush, and as Margaret grew to womanhood she was unhappy, friction arising between herself and her stepmother, the third wife of Andrew Bush. When she was eighteen years old she resolved to leave her father's house and go to live with her uncle, her mother's brother, Henry Beard, who owned a farm in Green Township, Mahoning County, Ohio. With her uncle she remained until she was twenty-one years old, when she married Andrew Bowman. Regarding her early life, it is of interest to note that until she married Andrew Bowman, at which time she was twenty-one years old, she could not write in the English language, neither, in fact, could she speak it, except perhaps brokenly. Her rearing had been in a Pennsylvania Dutch settlement, and her uncle in Ohio also spoke that language at home. However, she was naturally of quick intellect, and she soon removed that handicap of language, and she lived to a venerable age, eighty-seven years. The latter years of her life she passed comfortably, well cared for by her son, Comfort C. Andrew Bowman was a man of very active life. In early life he had been apprenticed to carpentry, and to some extent followed that trade through life. He built many substantial barns in Mahoning County, and also some county bridges; and in later life, when he became too old and feeble for farm work, he built a carpenter's shop on his farm, put in the necessary tools, including a turning lathe, and so was able to spend his last years in congenial and somewhat useful work. Such labors were, of course, more in the category of hobbies, but he made many useful articles while so passing the days. However, his main business in life had been farming, as may be surmised, bearing in mind the extensive acreage owned by the two brothers Bowman, and Andrew in particular had large dealings in cattle. He early used oxen upon his farm, and developed into one of the largest dealers in cattle in the neighborhood. He was wont to take trips for that purpose to the westward of Chicago, and into the Indian Territory; would collect a large herd on the home farm, and when he had sufficient would drive them across the mountains into the State of Pennsylvania, where they would eventually be sold at auction. He was a man of good business acumen, and his enterprises eventually brought him a sufficiency of material wealth; but he would undoubtedly have been very wealthy had he grasped the opportunity that once came to him, to purchase 15,000 acres of Illinois land at $15 an acre. As may be supposed, he often later regretted his failure to close that deal. However, he succeeded early in life, and had later little cause for financial worry. His private life was estimable, and he was generally esteemed in the neighborhood. He was an ardent church worker, which may have been one of the reasons why he became identified with the building of the Presbyterian Church at Concord in 1859. The church was situated about a mile to the southward of the Bowman homestead, in Green Township, and Andrew had full responsibility for its construction. He and his brother Comfort C. were partners in all enterprises; and while Comfort, in general, took responsibility for the operation of their farm, Andrew had much of his time in early days taken up by such work as the erection of the church. He and his brother had a large sawmill on Meander Creek in Goshen Township, and they operated it until about 1870. Each brother had two sons, the sons of Comfort being Comfort Ellis and John. The two sons of Andrew and Margaret (Bush) Bowman were Comfort C., of whom more follows; and Morris Emery, who owns a good farm near that of his brother, and has had a useful life.

Comfort C., elder son of Andrew and Margaret (Bush) Bowman, was born on January 24, 1850, and as a boy attended the district school. He had to assume business responsibility somewhat early in life, for when he was still in his early 'teens his father lost much of his former vigor, and Comfort had to make many of the trips westward and eastward to purchase and to sell stock. He was still in early manhood when he altogether took over the operation of the home farm. His early conduct of it was very similar in method to that adopted by his father and uncle. He continued to deal extensively in cattle, was always open to buy cattle, and for many years drove the cattle to market himself, often to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Upon one occasion he took fifteen carloads of cattle as far to the eastward as Jersey City. He also did much breeding of Durham sheep on his home farm, for many years raising a flock of 1,000 or more; in fact he continued to be a large breeder of sheep until he finally retired from business and delivered the farm to a tenant farmer, which he did about fifteen years

ago. He kept good stock, but was never a keen exhibitor. Like his father and his uncle, Comfort C. was for very many years in business partnership with his brother, Morris Emery. The two operated the home farm in partnership for twenty-five years, and added to it until they owned 800 acres. The paternal farm, however, is owned by Comfort C. His extensive sheep-raising operations also of necessity brought him into the wool business. In fact he has been a dealer in wool for forty-six years, and still is, to some extent. At one time he handled more than 100,000 pounds of wool annually, some of course being from his own sheep, but much that had been purchased for him by his agents. Latterly, since he and his brother divided their joint farm holdings, Comfort C. Bowman has owned 435 acres; or, to be strictly correct, he did own it until quite recently, when he sold the property, having no sons who could continue to cultivate it. He still, however, lives on the homestead, and in the house built by his father in 1861. Comfort C. many years ago rebuilt the house, but to all intents and purposes it is as it was when his father first built it.

Comfort C. Bowman is a democrat in political allegiance, as was his father. And, like his father, he also has been a conscientious churchman, member of the Concord Presbyterian Church for the greater part of his life, and for many years one of its trustees. He has not taken very much part in public affairs, but has served as assessor.

He married in 1871 Mary E. Bare, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, who had come to live with her brother, a farmer at Albany, near Salem, when she was about sixteen years old. Later, and before her marriage, she for some time lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sears. She was about twenty-one years old when she married Comfort C. Bowman. Three children have been born to them: Edna, who married Lee Bingham, of Newton Falls, and died about eight years later; Cora, who married James Harding, of Ellsworth Township; and Jessie, who married Charles Arnott, now of Youngstown.

Onorato Carabelli. Endowed by nature with artistic tastes and talents of a high order, Onorato Carabelli, of Youngstown, proprietor of the Lake View Monument Works, has labored to such good purpose to perfect himself in his chosen trade of a stone cutter that he has become an adept in the use of knife and chisel, and as a sculptor and builder of cemetery memorials has won a large patronage. A son of Paolo Carabelli, he was born March 9, 1873, in the Province of Como, in Porto Ceresio, which lies on the boundary line between Italy and Switzerland. His father made two trips to the United States, coming first in 1871, and spending a short time at Clark Island, Maine. He subsequently crossed the Atlantic again, making his way to Cleveland, Ohio, visiting his brother, Joseph Carabelli, who had been a resident of that city many years, and had become prominent in both business and political circles.

When but thirteen years old Onorato Carabelli came to this country alone, joining his Uncle Joseph in Cleveland, where he took up the stone trade, which he had previously learned in Italy, beginning work with his uncle. In order to become familiar with the English language, he attended night school, and, being quick to learn, made rapid progress in his studies, at the same time becoming familiar with all phases of the stone cutter's business. Going then to Rhode Island, Mr. Carabelli spent two years in the quarries at Westerly. Returning to Ohio in 1897, he opened a shop at 466 West Federal Street, Youngstown, and from the start met with well-merited success. In 1911 he moved to his present advantageous location, at the corner of Mahoning and Millet avenues, where he has built up an extensive and constantly increasing business as a sculptor and builder of cemetery memorials of every description, his works in marble and granite being considered among the finest and choicest to be found in this section of the state.

Returning to his birthplace in 1896, Mr. Carabelli married on October 9 of that year, Josephine Duca, also a native of the Province of Como, and of the three children that have been born of their union two are now living, Dominic R., who is in Cleveland, Ohio, learning the stone cutting and monumental business in the same shop in which his father learned the business when he came from Italy, and Angeline C. One son, Mario, died in 1916, when but seventeen years of age. Politically Mr. Carabelli is a stanch supporter of the principles of the republican party. Socially he is a member of Duca-Degli Abruzz. Religiously he and his family belong to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Leroy D. Campbell. One of the best improved and attractive homestead farms in Mahoning County is the old Campbell place in Coitsville Township. It has been the home for three generations of the Campbell family. The original farm contains fifty-nine acres and was acquired in 1836 by Daniel Campbell, who came to Ohio in the spring of that year. He cleared away the woods and made the land productive, taking from it many successive crops. He died in 1871, at advanced age. Daniel Campbell was of Scotch ancestry. His wife was a Miss Ripple, of German stock. Daniel Campbell erected a home on the farm, which later his son Alvi remodeled, making of it a two-story house, with comforts and conveniences still enjoyed by the family. Daniel Campbell and wife had a large family, including Alvi; James, who was for many years a hotel proprietor at Girard, Ohio, and died there; Daniel, who went to Kansas; Alexander, who died in young manhood; Joseph, who lived at Girard; Margaret, who married William Stewart and went to Kansas; Maria, who became the wife of John Rutter and lived in Trumbull County; Amanda, who married Charles Longstreet and lived near the old homestead; and Melissa, who never married and who died at the old home.

Alvi L. Campbell was born October 21, 1834, and died while spending the winter at Pine Bluff, North Carolina, March 22, 1915. All his active years were spent on the old homestead in Mahoning County. Besides farming he operated a sawmill for a number of years and sold much of the lumber required by the local furnaces. He extended the original acre-

Onorato Carabelli

age until the farm comprised 105 acres. This farm he made widely known as the home of pure bred livestock. He kept a fine herd of Chester White hogs and also kept high grade Jersey cattle. Much of his stock was exhibited in county fairs. He was a director of the Mahoning County Fair, was superintendent of its cattle department, and had much to do with the successful fairs year after year. He was also a stockholder in the creamery at New Bedford and at one time was a township trustee. He was a democrat and a member of the Methodist Church at Hubbard, and later at New Bedford. He married Margaret E. Allen, who is still living on the old home farm.

They had four children. Olive M., who is a dressmaker and music teacher by profession, is the wife of John W. Baird, living near West Middlesex in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. The second of the family, Myron J. Campbell, is a practical farmer now managing the old homestead place. Myrtle E. has a long and honorable record as a teacher, having taught for ten years in Coitsville Township, and since her marriage has taught in the Adams School of Youngstown, having spent seventeen years in school work. She is the wife of Clarence H. Campbell, a Pennsylvania railway conductor.

Leroy D. Campbell was born August 3, 1884, and was educated in the Ohio State University, graduating in the agricultural course in 1914. He was a teacher, teaching his first term in the Cooper district, where his mother had also taught her first school. In 1918 he became principal of the Scienceville High School and has ten assistant teachers under him. November 28, 1917, he married Miss Edna Cooper, daughter of John A. Cooper. She was also a teacher before her marriage. They have one daughter, Jane Elizabeth.

Ashley E. Strong, whose well equipped general merchandise store at North Benton controls a large and representative trade in this section of Mahoning County, is a native of this county and a representative of one of its old and well known families. He was born on the old home farm in Berlin Township, two miles northeast of North Benton, and the date of his nativity was January 3, 1853. He is a son of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Whinnery) Strong, the former of whom was born in Connecticut in 1805, and the latter of whom was a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, where their marriage was solemnized about the year 1845. Alonzo Strong was a child at the time when the family came from New England to Ohio, and the father, William Strong, became a pioneer settler near Atwater, Portage County. Thence he went forth to serve as a soldier in the War of 1812, and he died while thus in service. After the death of his father, Alonzo Strong as taken back to Connecticut, but when he was a lad of about twelve years he came again to Ohio, where he joined his mother, then residing in Deerfield Township, Columbiana County. Within a short time thereafter he was indentured, or "bound out," to Joseph Hartzell, and as a young man he learned the carpenter's trade at Salem. Thereafter he was for some time engaged in the work of his trade in the State of New York, and he worked also at Cleveland, Ohio. He was a young man at the time of his marriage to Miss Christina Lazarus, a member of a prominent pioneer family of Portage County, the old Lazarus flour mill having been a landmark in Portage County, where Mr. Strong and his wife became acquainted in childhood. Of this marriage were born five children: William, who had been a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was a resident of Stark County at the time of his death, when about fifty-five years of age; Lovina, who became the wife of Elijah Whinnery, was a resident of Columbiana County at the time of her death; Levi was a soldier in an Ohio regiment in the Civil war and was a captive in Andersonville Prison, where he died at the age of twenty-eight years, virtually as a result of the hardships endured in that infamous Confederate prison; Miss Julia, the only surviving child of this union, lives in the State of Washington; and one child died in infancy. Mrs. Christina Strong died at the age of thirty-five years, and later Mr. Strong married Miss Elizabeth Whinnery, both having passed the closing period of their lives on the old home farm near North Benton. Here Mr. Strong died in 1891, at the age of eighty-six years, his second wife having passed away three years prior to his death. Of their nine children all but one attained to maturity: Serena, who lived in the City of Chicago, at the time of her death in 1893, was the widow of William Heckler, who died at Urbana, Illinois; Edward owns and resides upon the old home farm in Berlin Township; Lovisa is the wife of Alvin Smith, of Marshall, Illinois; Ashley E., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Ophelia is the wife of Robert Graham, of Pottawattamie County, Iowa; Laura is the wife of Henry Koch, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania; Alonzo, Jr., was a representative member of the bar in the City of Alliance, Stark County, Ohio, at the time of his death in 1891; and Wendell is engaged in the retail hardware business at Ravenna, Ohio.

Ashley E. Strong was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and acquired his early education in the public schools of the vicinity. He continued to be associated with the work and management of the home farm until 1879, when he became associated with his brother-in-law, Joel Malmsberry, in conducting a general store at North Benton. With this enterprise he has here continued to be actively identified four years, and the following three years he devoted to farm activities. He then resumed his association with Mr. Malmsberry, and their partnership alliance in the general store continued nine years. In 1893 Mr. Malmsberry sold his interest to Wendell Strong, and the firm title of A. E. Strong & Brother was retained for the ensuing nine years, at the expiration of which Ashley E. Strong became the sole proprietor of the business, which he has since continued to conduct with unequivocal success. The building occupied was erected about 1840, as one of the first in the village of North Benton, and here Cyrus Greiner conducted the first general store. The building, which has been kept in good repair, may well be considered one of the landmarks of this locality, and here Mr. Strong takes pride in maintaining a stock of goods that meets effectively the requirements of his large and representative patron-

age. In connection with the enterprise he handles farm produce, and the eligible location of the village, in the midst of a prosperous farming community, insures to the Strong establishment an excellent business at all times. Mr. Strong served seventeen years as postmaster at North Benton, but since that time he has held no official position. He is loyal and progressive in his connection with community affairs, and is a republican in politics.

The year 1875 recorded the marriage of Mr. Strong to Miss Annie Malmsberry, who was born in Goshen Township, Mahoning County, and they have two children: Lucille, the wife of J. H. C. Lyon, a prominent lawyer engaged in practice at Youngstown; and Vivian, the wife of William Triem, a civil engineer who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, their home being at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Prior to her marriage the elder daughter had been a successful teacher in the public schools, and the younger daughter has shown exceptional ability as a teacher of music.

Isaac G. Mathews. Like many other men of force and influence, Isaac G. Mathews, of Youngstown, is a lawyer by profession, and, though beset by difficulties from the first that would have disheartened anyone of less courage and stability, he has steadily climbed, rung by rung, the ladder of attainments, his position among his legal brethren being one of note. He was born June 29, 1874, on a farm in Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, being the posthumous son of Isaac Mathews.

Isaac Mathews was one of the pioneer coal miners of Trumbull County, and died as the result of an accident prior to the birth of his son Isaac. He married Julia A. Boyd, who was left a widow in early life, with but scant means, and in order to keep her little family together she continued the management of the home farm, having the assistance, when they were old enough to be of use, of her two sons, Ithiel, the first-born, being now principal of the schools of Vienna, Trumbull County, and Isaac G., the subject of this brief biographical sketch. The mother lived to a good old age, passing away in 1916.

Acquiring the rudiments of his education in the rural schools of his native district, Isaac G. Mathews assisted his mother in the care of the farm, running a milk wagon and peddling truck when he was old enough. A good student, he entered upon a professional career when but seventeen years of age, and subsequently taught school in Vienna, Trumbull County, and Church Hill, in the same county and in Youngstown. During the time he was thus occupied, Mr. Mathews read law in the office of Anderson, Anderson & Barren. Closely applying himself to his studies, he was admitted to the bar in 1906, and for four years thereafter was engaged in the practice of his profession as junior member of the firm of Anderson, Cook & Mathews.

Becoming associated with Emil Anderson in 1910, the firm of Anderson & Mathews carried on a successful law practice until 1912, when Clinton Wall was admitted to partnership, and the firm name was changed to Anderson, Mathews & Wall. Owing to the death of Mr. Anderson, the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Mathews is now practicing alone, having an office in the Dollar Bank Building. Well versed in legal lore, and possessing keen intellect and an active mind, he has met with gratifying results in his practice, being one of the well known attorneys of the city.

Mr. Mathews married, in 1895, Grace D. Williams, of Trumbull County, and their only child, Earl W. Mathews, now a student in the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, enlisted in the Students' Training Corps of the navy, from which he received his discharge in December, 1918. A stanch republican in politics, Mr. Mathews, who maintained his home in Trumbull County, until 1920, when he took up his residence in Youngstown, serves willingly and ably on all local committees, but has never sought official honors.

Alva J. Stanley. The Beloit Mills, at Beloit, represent one of the important and well ordered industrial enterprises of Mahoning County, and of the same Mr. Stanley is the proprietor. In these mills, with their thoroughly modern equipment, are manufactured the White Rose and Beloit brands of flour, and the excellence of the products is the basis for the substantial trade controlled. In connection with his general mill operations Mr. Stanley also deals in feed of all kinds, and he is known as one of the progressive business men and loyal and liberal citizens of Beloit.

The Beloit Mills were erected in 1906, the old mill in the village having been located in the west end of the town, about one-half mile distant from the present modern establishment, adjacent to the railroad. In the operation of the old mill Mr. Stanley was associated with his father and brother Ira, under the firm name of H. G. Stanley & Sons, and in connection with the flour mill was operated a sawmill and planing mill, as well as a lumber yard, the while a cider mill formed an adjunct of the enterprise. The old plant occupied the site of a still older sawmill, of which Henry G. Stanley, father of the subject of this review, became one of the owners. The father developed the other departments of the original enterprise, his association with the business having been initiated about 1884, and the property having been sold by the family after the erection of the present Beloit Mills, which represent an investment of about $50,000.

Equipped with full roller process of the most modern type, the mills have a capacity for the output of seventy-five barrels of flour daily, and motive power is supplied by gas engines. A specialty is made of the grinding and handling of feed, and about 200 carloads of dairy feed are handled annually, the local market demanding fully 80 per cent of this output. In flour manufacturing the mills utilize almost entirely the wheat grown in this section of Ohio, and thus the commercial importance of the enterprise is enhanced. In 1906 was effected a division of the original enterprise, and in this adjustment Ira Stanley assumed control of the lumber business of the old firm, the father having been thereafter associated with A. J. Stanley in the operation of the new mills for about five years, the latter then

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becoming sole owner. H. G. Stanley thereafter erected a mill at New Holland, Pickaway County, this plant having a daily capacity of fifty barrels and being operated by water power. Prior to this Mr. Stanley had owned, remodeled and operated a mill at Akron, and at New Holland he continued his milling business until his death, in November, 1917. He was born at Beloit, Mahoning County, in 1849, and was a son of an honored pioneer, Littlebury B. Stanley, of whom more specific mention is made on other pages, in the sketch of Jesse M. Hartzell. At the age of twenty-two years H. G. Stanley married Miss Alice Sheets, daughter of Alva Sheets, a resident of Kansas at the time of his death. Mrs. Stanley passed away about two years prior to the death of her husband, and of their children the eldest is Tacy, who is the wife of H. R. Sanders, of Johnson City, New York; Alva J., of this review, was the next in order of birth; and Ira continues in the lumber business at Beloit.

Alva J. Stanley was born at Beloit, April 6, 1872, and his youthful education was here received in the public schools. In his father's establishment he learned the miller's trade, and he continued to be associated with his father until the latter sold the mill at Beloit. In the meanwhile he had become a member of the firm, and since assuming sole control of the present Beloit Mills he has made a record of splendid success, much of the output of his mills being sold in the local market and a large part having been diverted to the Government during the period of the World war. Mr. Stanley takes loyal interest in all things pertaining to the welfare and advancement of his native town, his political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as a member of the village council.

He and his family are birthright members of the Society of Friends, and he and his wife are active in the local church of this denomination.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Stanley wedded Miss Anna Palmer, who died when about forty-three years of age, and she is survived by two daughters—Loreta, who is the wife of Joseph Sams, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Leah, wife of William M. Dixon, of Beloit. For his second wife Mr. Stanley married Mrs. Margaret Snedeker, who presides as the gracious and popular chatelaine of their attractive home. They have no children.

Parteridge Beggs is a representative and well-to-do farmer of Coitsville Township, a grandson of James Beggs, a worthy pioneer of the township, and son of Adonijah Beggs, who died in 1907, after an eventful life which began in 1835 on the farm now occupied by his son in Coitsville Township and ended in the same place almost seventy-two years later. It included an honorable Civil war service, a period in law practice in Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, and much public service.

The Beggs family has been in the Mahoning Valley for more than a century, but was originally from Ireland. The family apparently was of American residence a little while after the close of the Revolutionary war, for James, who was born in the United States, was born on June 17, 1799, although apparently his parents were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. James Beggs married Parmelia Bissell on November 16, 1824, her birth date having been July 3, 1803. She died November 30, 1865, and her husband died on March 10, 1887. Their children that reached maturity were: Marcia Melissa, who married Joseph Wright, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. She died on May 19, 1899. Her son Arthur is now a farmer in the vicinity of the Beggs' homestead. Ellen Maria married Irvin McFarland, and lived on the state line in Pennsylvania, adjoining the Beggs' homestead. She died March 28, 1907. Amanda Stark married Joseph Nevin, a missionary. They went to China, and she died at Canton, China, September 27, 1867. Adonijah was born June 3, 1835, and is further referred to herein, Caroline, who remained unmarried, lived to venerable age. James Clark was born in 1839 and died in 1898. He lived his whole live in Coitsville Township. His daughter Carrie married B. F. Cornelius, still living on the old farm in Coitsville Township.

Adonijah, son of James and Parmelia (Bissell) Beggs, and born in the old Beggs homestead in Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, on June 3, 1835, grew to manhood in the wholesome and rugged environment of farming life in that time and district. He probably attended the country school nearest to his home during the winter months and later attended in Poland, which was about the extent of the educational facilities at that time available in most agricultural districts of Ohio, and the long summer vacation, which usually began in spring and overlapped into autumn, he would probably spend in assisting his parent in the operation of the home farm, undertaking such tasks in connection therewith as his strength would allow. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he was in Illinois, and was in the full strength of early manhood. He enlisted in the Seventeenth Illinois Regiment, and with that regiment saw much service. After the war he was for a while in legal practice in the City of Warren, Ohio, with W. B. McGeehan, and for several terms was a justice of the peace, and as such manifested a judicial integrity and breadth of understanding of the law such as was bound to bring him into general esteem among those who knew him, or had come in contact with him. He was an ardent democrat in political allegiance, and exercised much influence in his community. He was of emphatically earnest purpose, which characteristic at times brought to the fore in him, as it was likely to do, a certain sensitiveness which to some extent curtailed his public work. He was a well-read man, of refined inclinations, and the crudeness of some public acts jarred upon his sensitive nature. However, he was much respected by his fellow-citizens, and generally took useful part in the public affairs of the community. He served as land appraiser and might have been elected to most of the local offices at some time during his long life had he so wished, for he was generally well-regarded, and coming as he did from one of the pioneer families his place in the affairs of the vicinity was a definite one, especially having regard to his Civil war record, which supplemented his standing. He added to the acreage of the home farm, which originally was 150 acres, and took a close interest in agriculture. He was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth

Ewing, who bore him two children: Otto, who is now in Indiana; and Elizabeth, who married Houston Dickson, of Coitsville Township. His second wife was Salome McFall, daughter of Robert McFall. The marriage took place on October 23, 1869, and their life in the married state was a long one, more than thirty-six years, until 1907, when the husband died. Mrs. Salome (McFall) Beggs survived her husband by about four years, her death occurring in 1911. Their children were Barbara Amanda, who married Thomas Vaughan, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, and lives about two miles from her old home; and Parteridge.

Parteridge ("Pat") Beggs, son of Adonijah and Salome (McFall) Beggs, was born in the homestead of the Beggs family in Coitsville Township on July 22, 1874, and has lived his whole life on the farm. His schooling was obtained in the public schools of the township, and after leaving school he took seriously to farming pursuits. The farm contains now about 180 acres, a part of which he purchased in 1906, and since that time has acquired the remainder. He has been an industrious and skilful farmer, bringing into his operations much of modern methods that have been proved to be practical. He has had good success in general farming, and has a splendidly appointed property. The buildings are exceptionally substantial, the house being a large one, constructed of brick in 1840, the bricks being made on the farm. The barn was constructed a few years after the building of the dwelling.

Parteridge Beggs has during his life been interested in almost all the happenings in the community and township. He has not sought office, but has closely followed community affairs, and has shown a helpful public spirit. As a neighbor he is reliable, and has always been so. And he therefore has many firm friends in the township. In 1907 he married Selina Vaughan, daughter of Charles and Melvina Vaughan. Mrs. Beggs was born in Youngstown, Ohio, October 13, 1882, but her parents have latterly been living in Struthers Village, Poland Township, Mahoning County. Her parents have lived responsible, industrious lives, and her father, as a stationary engineer is connected with the Sheet and Tube Company of Struthers. Mr. and Mrs. Beggs have one child, Charles Parteridge Beggs, born May 25, 1920.

Gregoro Silvestri. One of the business achievements of Youngstown that stands out as a striking example of progressiveness and rapid growth and upbuilding is the Youngstown Grocery Company, founded by Gregoro Silvestri, now president and treasurer of the corporation.

This business is a direct outgrowth of Mr. Silvestri's enterprise. When he came to Youngstown fourteen years ago he had only $1,000 of capital. He used this to open a small stock of groceries at 375 East Federal Street. The enterprise grew and prospered, and his credit as an energetic and reliable merchant also became thoroughly established. A year later he was able to associate with himself sufficient capital to organize the Youngstown Grocery Company. Its authorized capital was $10,000, and it began operations with a paid-up capital of $6,000. A little more than ten years later the capital of the company stands at $100,000, and the business is one of the largest of its kind in the Mahoning Valley. Mr. Silvestri has been president and treasurer of the corporation from the beginning.

He was born in Southern Italy in 1879, second of the seven children of Frank and Amelia Silvestri. He had the equivalent of a high school education and spent three years in the artillery branch of the Italian army as a non-commissioned officer. Mr. Silvestri came to the United States in 1904, and for about a year was manager of a foreign exchange bank at New York City. In 1913 Mr. Silvestri bought the handsome structure at 340 East Front Street where the Youngstown Grocery Company now has its home. He owns the building individually. The first place of business of the Youngstown Grocery Company was in the Norris Block, and subsequently moved to the corner of East Boardman and Watt Streets.

Mr. Silvestri is a member of the Chambers of Commerce of New York City and of Youngstown, is a republican and a member of St. Edward Catholic Church. In New York in 1904 he married Clara Russo, daughter of Frederick Russo. She was born at Avellino, Italy. They have three children, Amelia, Isabel and Francis.

James S. Harding, a well-to-do and respected farmer who has lived practically his whole life in Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, and in fact was born on the same farm upon which he still resides, is a descendant of one of the pioneers of the county. The Harding family in colonial generations was resident in Pennsylvania, and his great-grandfather, who was the first of the family to take up residence in Ohio, came with his family into the Mahoning Valley from near Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania in 1803, and settled in Canfield Township a little to the northward of Canfield Village. His son George, grandfather of James S., was ten years old when the family removed from Pennsylvania, and he grew to manhood in Canfield Township. When he married Elizabeth Bortz, of Ellsworth Township, he moved into that township, and took up the cultivation of the tract of land upon which the three generations of his branch of the Harding family have since lived, and upon which his grandson, James S., still lives. He acquired considerable landed estate during his lifetime, including 209 acres that comprised the Bortz homestead. His son, George, Jr., was born in Ellsworth Township, in the same house in which his grandson, James S., was eventually born, the former's birth date being July 24, 1834. Eventually George Harding, Jr., became one of the largest farming landowners in the neighborhood, becoming the owner by inheritance and acquirement of 1,120 acres altogether, part of which had been bought by his father or by himself as improved farms. Both father and son did some pioneering work, but both gave the greater part of their time to the raising of cattle and sheep, and required pasturage principally. The pasturage George, Jr., owned was classed with the richest of that fertile section of the Mahoning Valley, and when George Harding, Jr., in 1880, built a sixteen-room stone house it was generally considered to be one of the largest and

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best-fitted farm houses in the country. That house was built on that part of his property which was formerly the Bortz property, and the Bortz farm of 157 acres, which came into the Harding estate by purchase from Henry Bortz, by George, Jr., has since been sold, with fifty-two acres purchased from the Arnes estate, and the commodious house is therefore not now in the possession of James S. Harding. George Harding, Jr., was a man of influence in the township; was elected to many township offices; and generally was well-regarded in the county. Politically he was a republican. He was a man of strong character and good religious principle, a Presbyterian of active church interest. He married Lucretia Musser, and their children were: James S., of whom more is written below; Mary, who married C. M. Kirk, a lumber manufacturer and dealer of Axis, Alabama; Aulurah, who married Calvin C. Neff, a merchant of Canfield, Mahoning County, reference to whose life is elsewhere given, as are many other references to the Neff family, in this work. Both the sisters were graduates of the North-Eastern Ohio Normal College at Canfield. James also graduated from the same school, taking the business course.

James S. Harding, only son of George, Jr., and Lucretia (Musser) Harding, was born on November 28, 1863, upon the farm in Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County, upon which he still lives, and in the house wherein his father twenty-nine years earlier had been born. The house is still standing. James passed his boyhood in Ellsworth Township, and when he became old enough helped his father in the operation of the home farm. He married when he was thirty-one years old, on his birthday in fact, and soon afterward took over the full control and operation of the home farm from his father. He received as his share of the parental estate the 209-acre farm formerly known as the Bortz farm, and also 276 acres of the Harding farm. This extensive acreage he cultivated for more than twenty years. In 1913 he began to rent his farm to tenants, and he built a comfortable residence on the opposite side of the road to that on which stands the house in which he was born. He has always been fond of horses, and at one time was a successful exhibitor at local fairs. His father had been a director of the County Fair for more than fifteen years, and he, James Harding, has been a director for some years. He had good success in developing road and high-action horses, and was generally able to command good prices.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Harding has been without issue, which may have been the predominating influence deciding him to sell the greater part of his farming estate. His wife, whom he married on November 28, 1894, was Cora Bowman, daughter of Comfort C. and Mary E. (Bare) Bowman, of Ellsworth Township, and great-granddaughter of Philip Casper Bowman, who first came into Mahoning County in 1806 (see many other references to the Bowman family written for this work). Mrs. Cora (Bowman) Harding was born in the old Bowman homestead in Green Township, Mahoning County, and was well educated, taking the music course at the college at Canfield. She, however, did not enter professional life, for she was only twenty-one years old when she married James Harding. They are both well-known throughout the county, and respected generally by their many acquaintances in Ellsworth and contiguous townships.

Mr. Harding still retains 276 acres for his own purposes, and some of his land is quite valuable in minerals. Coal was discovered on the Harding property fifty years ago, and was operated for many years, and there are rich limestone and sandstone deposits, both of which have been quarried.

Mr. Harding is a man of useful public spirit, and has had creditable part in much public work of importance and benefit to his township. He has been prominent among the leaders of the good roads movement, and actually donated the material of which the first hard road through the township was built. Again, the establishment of the rural free delivery of mail in Ellsworth Township was mainly the consummation of his forceful agitation for such service. And for the present excellent telephonic facilities in the neighborhood residents give credit to Mr. Harding, for he assumed a good deal of monetary expense and liability in securing a satisfactory service. He is one of the substantial men of the township, and might have held most of the township offices had he wished to stand for election. But he has never sought office; in fact he has more than once refused to stand for election to such, preferring to do what public service he could in his private capacity as a well-intentioned neighbor and unselfish townsman. He was one of the founders of the Canfield Bank, and has been one of its directors since its establishment. As a farmer he has had a creditable career, for he was quite a young man when he had to assume full responsibility for the successful operation of the extensive farming interests left to him by his father, and by his conduct of such affairs he proved himself to be a man of reliability and steadiness, a good and enterprising business man. He gave close study to the raising of cattle and horses, and visited some of the best stock farms in the country, including the Moose Hill Jersey Farm at Worcester, Massachusetts. He is also an enthusiastic sportsman and traveler. He has done much hunting in the State of Alabama, and has toured the Adirondack and Catskill Mountains and the Berkshire Hills. A delightful experience was his trip to the Thousand Islands. Altogether, Mr. Harding is a man of much knowledge of the world, is well read, and is of whole-hearted loyalty. That was demonstrated during the progress of the World war, which brought such stupendous calls in personal or financial service to all patriots. Mr. Harding subscribed loyally to most of the issues of government and governmental agency bonds and the like. He has also always contributed liberally to church and charitable institutions, and throughout his manhood years has been a consistent and helpful member of the local Presbyterian Church.

George Aret Ewing, who for thirty-five years has lived on the farm he owns in Milton Township, Mahoning County, and until two years ago, when he retired, steadily tilled that acreage year after year, has had good business success, and is considered to be one of the most representative and substantial residents of Milton Township. His residence is situ-

ated near the Milton Dam, built by the City of Youngstown upon thirty acres of land bought from Mr. Ewing, and he is widely known through the county.

The Ewing family is one of the pioneer families of the Mahoning Valley, and there will be found in this and other histories of the section of Ohio very many references to the pioneer and later generations of the Ewing family. George Aret Ewing is a grandson of Alexander Ewing, who about a century ago came into Ohio from near Meadville, Pennsylvania, and settled in the northeastern part of Jackson Township, about 1½ miles to the northward of Lipke's Corners, and about four miles northward of the home of that branch of the Ewing family now represented by Frank, Harvey and Samuel O. Ewing, extensive reference to whose lives will be found elsewhere in this work. Before coming into Ohio Alexander Ewing had taken part in the War of 1812 with a Meadville, Pennsylvania, company, but he spent the greater part of his life in Ohio. He was seventy-five years old when he died, and his last years were spent in Pricetown, a small village on the county line, partly in Mahoning County but mostly in Trumbull County, and about half a mile north of the farm of his grandson, George A. Ewing. Alexander Ewing was the father of nine children, who were remarkable for their longevity.

None now live, but most of them passed the allotted three score years and ten, and the last to die was Asa, the youngest child, whose death occurred in a western state, in 1918, he being then about eighty years old. The nine children in order of birth were: William, who was in octogenarian age when he died; John, also in the octogenary class; Beriah, who lived beyond eighty years; Benjamin; Ralph, a septuagenary before his death; George; Silas, who was more than seventy when he died; Levi, who died while in his forties; Asa, who died in 1918.

George Ewing, son of Alexander and father of George Aret, was only fifty-three years old when he died. He took up professional studies, secured the medical degree, and practiced for a while in Newton Falls, but later in Pricetown. He was widely known as a physician in that part of the county and in Trumbull County. He died of typhoid fever, contracted perhaps in his practice. He took great interest in the public affairs of Mahoning County. His home in Pricetown was in the Mahoning County section, and he entered actively into public movements. Politically he was a democrat, but he never sought or accepted political office. For many years he was a justice of the peace, and in other ways was one of the leading citizens, but his professional ties were too many to permit him to take the liability of legislative office. He must have had a wide and lucrative practice, for during his life his investments in land totalled to more than 500 acres, and he reared four children to whom he afforded superior education. He married Nancy Henry, of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, daughter of the Reverend John Henry, of the Church of the Disciples of Christ denomination. Mrs. Ewing died in Pricetown, Mahoning County, when sixty-one years old. Their four children were: Harrison J., who is now deceased, is remembered as a teacher in Mahoning County in early manhood, but eventually he went to Cleveland, where he entered law practice, and gained some distinction as a criminal lawyer at that place. George Aret is the main subject of this sketch. His second name was given him in honor of Isaac Errett, an old-time minister of the Disciples of Christ Church, and the spelling was changed to Aret by his father. Regarding George Aret Ewing more follows. Harriet C. died at Chardon, Ohio. She was twice married, first to A. J. Wolfe, an attorney, and subsequently to Samuel W. Black. Mary Jane lives at Chardon, Ohio, and is the widow of Aaron Brannon, of that place.

George Aret Ewing, second child of Dr. George and Nancy (Henry) Ewing, was born in Newton Falls, Ohio, on May 11, 1850. In his boyhood he attended the local schools, and later took the preparatory course at Hiram College. It was his intention to follow a profession. He entered the teaching profession when he was graduated from Hiram College, he being then nineteen years old, and for four or five years thereafter taught in the district schools of Mahoning County. Eventually, however, his father's large investments in farming land caused him to give up educational work, and for some years before the death of his father he with his elder brother operated the farms for his father. At the death of the latter George A. inherited 140 acres of the parental estate, and later bought additional land, all in Milton Township, Mahoning County. There he has lived for thirty-five years, and for many years was a large raiser of Merino sheep. Thirty acres of his farm was acquired by the City of Youngstown for the purpose of the Milton Dam project, and two years ago he retired from active farming, passing over the operation of his farm to his youngest son Thad H. Like his father, George Aret Ewing has not been inclined to seek public office, and with the exception of one term as assessor and constable, he has not undertaken any township office, though he might have had many offices had he been so inclined, for he and his family are held in high esteem in the district and county. Politically, although he was reared a democrat, he has for many years been a staunch supporter of the republican party, and for many years has been a township committeeman.

He was twenty-eight years old when he married Lois Force, daughter of Robert and Ellen (Lingo) Force. She was born in Milton Township, and they are of like age. Four children have been born to them, all of whom live. The children in order of birth are: Alma, who married Gomer Evans, now deceased, of Girard, Ohio, and she is a trained nurse; Fred E., a successful farmer of Ashland, Ohio; Aret Gustave, widely known in the vicinity of Newton Falls, and latterly a R. F. D. carrier from that center; and Thad H., who learned the trade of carpentry, and as a building contractor has had some success. He lives with his parents, and has now taken over the operation of the home farm, from which his father retired two years ago.

Thomas P. Sowash. A man of untiring energy and excellent business ability, Thomas P. Sowash

occupies a position of note in the mercantile circles of Youngstown as manager of the Cudahy Packing interests in this section of the Mahoning Valley. He was born March 6, 1883, in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, a son of Peter F. and Martha Sowash, coming on the paternal side of a house of German ancestry, his people having lived in the Rhine Valley. His father, a veteran of the Civil war, moved from Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, to Newcastle, where he resided until his death, at the age of four score and four years, during his active life having been engaged in the blacksmith's trade.

The tenth child in a family of eleven children, Thomas P. Sowash obtained his early education in the public schools of Newcastle, and when a young lad entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, with which he was associated thirteen years, serving in all capacities, first as driver and later becoming agent for the company. Mr. Sowash later became identified with the Cudahy Packing Company, which he has since served most faithfully and ably, beginning as driver of a wagon and subsequently filling all the intermediate positions until being promoted to his present one as manager of the interests of the firm in Youngstown, coming from Newcastle, Pennsylvania, to this city.

Mr. Sowash married in 1908 Elsie, daughter of Richard Krause, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and into the household thus established, two children have made their appearance, Oswald and Flora Dale. Fraternally Mr. Sowash belongs to the Order of Moose. Mrs. Sowash is a member of the German Lutheran Church.

James Porter McNeilly gave half a century of his life to the practice of farming and the duties of good citizenship in Ellsworth Township before he sold his farm and retired to the village of Ellsworth. He is one of the few surviving veterans of the Civil war living in that section of the Mahoning Valley, and has enjoyed a long and useful life of more than three quarters of a century.

Mr. McNeilly was born two miles northeast of Ellsworth February 1, 1844. His birth occurred on the farm which he owned for many years. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Trimble) McNeilly, who came out of County Down, Ireland, where they were married. His father was born about 1800 and in 1827 brought his family to Mahoning County, first locating in Jackson and later in Ellsworth Township. James McNeilly and wife had relatives in Jackson Township, including members of the Kirkpatrick family. His wife's sister, Mrs. John Wilson, came about the same time and located at Canfield. James McNeilly acquired a tract of timber land and built a log cabin in the forest, and for several years the howling of wolves was a regular accompaniment to their sleep. Later he built a substantial frame house, and with the assistance of his sons cleared the land. He died in 1849, and his widow survived him until 1870. She and her children continued the work begun by James McNeilly, and she lived to see all her children established in homes of their own. These children were: Robert, who spent his life in Ellsworth Township, never married, and died when past middle age; William J., who became a shoemaker and later a farmer in Wayne Township, where he died and where his family still live; Margaret, who became the wife of E. P. Miller and lived on a farm adjoining the old homestead; Eliza, also deceased, was the wife of Ward Dean, and had no children; Samuel, who lived a half mile north of Ellsworth; Mary Melissa, who married Clark Ewing, living at Austintown, and their son Frank Ewing is represented elsewhere in this publication; James Porter, next to the youngest; and Martha, widow of Frank Fitch, at Ellsworth.

James Porter McNeilly grew up on the home farm, attended the district schools, the academies at Ellsworth and Canfield, and beginning at eighteen was a teacher for eight winter terms in Ellsworth, Jackson and Austintown townships. All these schools were near his home, and his qualities as a disciplinarian were thoroughly tested, since he had some hard and difficult cases among his pupils. In the spring of 1864 he joined Company G of the Ohio Militia, a military organization that had been in existence for several years. When the call came for volunteers the entire company enlisted, and he went out as an orderly sergeant. He was in Virginia and Kentucky, chiefly on guard duty, and for a time was guarding a lighthouse at Cape Henry. At his discharge he was in a hospital, and it was several weeks before he could return home.

February 2, 1871, Mr. McNeilly married Jerusha Fitch, a sister of Frank Fitch and daughter of Richard and Nancy (Webb) Fitch. She was born on the old Fitch homestead a mile north of Ellsworth, and she and Mr. McNeilly were children in school together.

After the death of his mother Mr. McNeilly had acquired the old homestead of eighty-five acres, and this was the scene of his labors and intelligent management for upwards of half a century. In 1884 he built the substantial nine-room residence on the farm, and two years later erected a large bank barn. In other ways he made the farm a profitable proposition, had laid a great deal of tile for drainage, and in later years had made liberal applications of limestone to the soil. The value of these improvements was demonstrated when in 1917 he sold the homestead, it being the first farm in that locality to sell for over $100 an acre. After leaving the farm Mr. McNeilly bought the old McKinney home in Ellsworth, one of the old landmarks of the village.

While living in a republican township and a republican he never sought public office. His parents were prominent members of the Presbyterian Church at Austintown, and Mr. McNeilly has been an elder in his home church since 1892. He has attended a number of Presbyteries and he worships today in the same building where he first united with the church. Mrs. McNeilly was also devoted to her church work, though most of her life and efforts were given to her home. She died April 8, 1915. Her grandfather, Richard Fitch, had come into this section of the Mahoning Valley in 1806. Mr. and Mrs. McNeilly had two children: Francis Fitch, who was born January 13, 1876, died in April, 1899, having lived long enough to prove the excellent qualities of his character and good citizenship. A few months before his death he married Glenadore

Noble, who is now Mrs. Clyde Horton. The daughter, Fannie Alberta, was born October 21, 1879, and died February 20, 1881. Since the death of his good wife Mr. McNeilly's home has been looked after by his niece, Frances Fitch, a daughter of Colbert Fitch.

Robert Ewing Gault. A farmer of advanced ideas that have been put into practice and have demonstrated results on his own land, a worker in the modern program of rural life, in such organizations as the farm bureau, grange and county fairs, Robert Ewing Gault has had a busy life, and one not without influence and benefit upon the community where he has spent his life.

Mr. Galt is the youngest of the twelve children of Robert and Marjorie (Ewing) Gault, a member of a family that has been identified with Jackson Township since the earliest years of the nineteenth century, and was born on the old homestead where his brother Gibson now lives on March 7, 1855. A brief record and account of the activities of some of the elder generations and members of the family are published elsewhere.

Robert Ewing Gault spent his boyhood at home, attended the Academy at Canfield and the Union Seminary at Poland under Doctor Dickson. As the youngest son he remained at home, worked the fields, and eventually acquired eighty acres of the old homestead. He has since increased his farm to 125 acres, and has given it all the modern improvements. He has a basement barn, has built a new house and has extensively employed tile drainage, limed his land, and from his stables produces most of the fertilizer required. Mr. Gault for many years has conducted a dairy, having a herd of Jerseys, nearly all registered. For a number of years he was a director in the County Agricultural Society and its president for several years. He has never been interested in public office or politics, though a republican voter, and has found other means of promoting the good of the community. He has always been deeply interested in good schools, and has identified himself with the program of good road building in Jackson Township. Mr. Gault during his busy life has also cleared many acres of heavy timber, and has converted the trees into lumber and staves.

At the age of twenty-two he married Ruby Beardsley, a daughter of Almos Beardsley of Canfield Township. She died two years later. In 1885 he married Jessie Dunlap of Rio, Wisconsin. Her father had formerly lived in Mahoning County. While Mr. and Mrs. Gault have no children of their own they took into their home Carl Bloot at the age of twelve and kept him and educated him until twenty-one. He is now a thrifty and industrious young man working for a street car company at Butler, Pennsylvania. One of the strongest organizations of the Knights of Pythias in Eastern Ohio is the lodge at North Jackson, with which Mr. Gault has been actively identified for forty years.

Joseph F. Williams. Three generations of the Williams family have lived in Youngstown during the past sixty years. Operation of coal mines was the principal business during the first two generations, while Joseph F. Williams of the third is one of the representative and active lawyers of Youngstown.

The latter was born at Youngstown, January 21, 1881, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pritchard) Williams. His parents were both born in Wales and were brought to the United States in early childhood. The grandfather also was named Joseph Williams and settled with his family in Youngstown about 1858. He operated coal mines at Fosterville, Ohio. His son Joseph on reaching manhood also became a coal operator and was one of the first to work the coal from the hills adjoining the Youngstown & Southern Railway. Later he was in the puddling department of the Brown-Bonnell Iron and Steel Plant for a number of years, and is now giving his time to his duties as general agent of the Youngstown Humane Society.

Joseph F. Williams received his primary education in the grammar schools of Youngstown, graduated from the Rayen High School in 1900 and took both his college and professional work in Western Reserve University. He was graduated from Adelbert College in 1904 with the A. B. degree, and received his LL. B. degree in 1906. Admitted to the bar that year, he began practice,, and in 1907 became a member of the firm Williams & Cooper. This relationship was continued with mutual profit until 1918 when Mr. Cooper was elected a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Mahoning County. Since then Mr. Williams has carried on a large law practice as an individual.

He is a member of the County, State and American Bar associations, belongs to the Belmont Athletic Association, and is affiliated with Lake Erie Consistory of the Scottish Rite Masons at Cleveland, and also Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine. June 12, 1907, he married Miss Gussie Kelley Hamilton of Kelleys Island, Ohio. They have two children: Madeline, born in 1910, and Nancy, born in 1918.

John A. Buck, a well-to-do and respected farmer of Jackson Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, and now living in retirement in the Village of North Jackson, was born in Bazetta Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on October 15, 1854, the son of Michael and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Buck. The latter was born in Austintown Township, Mahoning County, but the father, Michael Buck, was born in another state, and was brought into Ohio and to Mahoning Valley when he was eight years old. David Buck, grandfather of John A., came from New York State to Austintown, and when Michael grew to manhood and married, he, Michael, went into Trumbull County and took up the farm in Bazetta Township upon which John A. was born. A year or so after the birth of the latter Michael Buck returned to Austintown and entered into possession of the farm upon which John A. lived until marriage. Michael Buck died on that farm, which is about one-half a mile to the south of Austintown, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Mary Ann Gilbert, had long predeceased him, death coming to her when she was only fifty-four years old. She was the daughter of John Gilbert, a cabinet maker well-known in Austin-

Joseph F. Williams

town Township. He owned a farm several hundred acres in extent situated about 1½ miles southward of Austintown, that property going at his death to his son John A. Gilbert, who died on the farm, which then became the property of his daughter, who is the wife of Doctor Schurrenberger, whose life is elsewhere recorded in this edition of Mahoning County history. David Buck, father of Michael and grandfather of John A., was the father of nine children, four sons and five daughters. Only one of the nine still survives, John Buck, a Civil war veteran living in Paulding County. Michael's three brothers were veterans of the Civil war, Hiram serving with an Indiana regiment and being a farmer in that state at that time; John serving with a Mahoning County company, and taking up residence in Paulding County twenty-five years ago; and Daniel, also serving with a local company. John was captured by the Confederate forces, and was held for a long time in a Southern prison. Michael was a well-regarded resident, but had no inclination for public office. He attended industriously to his farm operation, and was a good husband and father. He and his wife, Mary Ann (Gilbert), were the parents of three children, sons, who by name and in order of birth were: John A., of whom more follows; Samuel Jefferson, who died in Austintown at the age of fifty-one years; and Charles C., who died in Canfield Township at the age of forty-two years.

John A. Buck, first-born of Michael and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Buck, lived on the home farm until he married, in 1878, he being then twenty-four years old. In 1881 he bought a good farm in Jackson Township, on the Youngstown Road, and about 1½ miles to the eastward of North Jackson, and that farm he operated steadily and with invariably good success, for twenty-nine years, when he retired. The farm, which formerly was known as the Cyrus Pain farm, he brought into very good cultivation. The house is a comfortable one and was built sixty years ago by Cyrus Pain. Mr. Buck built a substantial barn during his occupancy of the farm, and his son Chauncey, who now has the farm, has erected two silos, so that the property is well improved in all ways. John A. Buck during his active operation of the farm did well in general farming, to which the farm is best adapted, and at most times kept good stock. Politically he is a republican, but he has never evinced any eagerness for public office. He has, nevertheless, been elected to office, and has for two years undertaken the duties of township assessor.

He married in 1878 Mary M. Moherman, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Miller) Moherman, the former a substantial farmer in Austintown Township, owner of a fine farm which is now in the possession of his son John Moherman. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Buck have two children: Chauncey A. in early manhood was a teacher, but has given his time wholly to farming matters since the retirement of his father from the farm, which he now and has since 1908 operated. He married Lulu May Miller, but there has been no issue. Edith married S. H. Goldner, who is connected with the Stambaugh-Thompson Company, and is succeeding well in life. They have one child, a son, John Robert.

James Renwick Ewing. The Ewings are a family that can claim more than a century of residence in Mahoning County, and men of that name have achieved honor and respect by reason of their activities as farmers, business men and in the professions, and by the deep loyalty and sincerity of their citizenship.

Of this family, James Renwick Ewing has given most of his life to the cares and duties of agriculture. His home is in Jackson Township, twelve miles southwest of Youngstown, and he was born in the same township October 4, 1852. His grandfather, John Ewing, was a Scotch Irishman, a native of Ireland, and came to Mahoning County about 1803. He was a brother of Archibald Ewing, who came at the same time and established another well known branch of the family in this section. John Ewing married Margaret Orr and spent his active life on a farm in Jackson Township and reared a large family. The names of his children were Mary, Marjorie, Martha, Anna, Nellie, Sarah, Rebecca, Catherine, Alexander, Gibson and John. The old homestead was acquired by his son John, who was the father of Samuel O. Ewing.

Gibson Ewing, father of James R., was born in Jackson Township July 23, 1818, and grew up among the familiar scenes of a frontier country. On May 19, 1842, he married Margaret Riddle, who was born on the farm now owned by her son James Renwick Ewing, September 18, 1823, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Riddle, both of whom spent their lives on the farm just mentioned. Margaret Riddle inherited 100 acres of this place, and at the time of his marriage Gibson Ewing settled in the woods and by many years of industry accumulated a well improved estate of nearly 300 acres. Gibson Ewing died February 11, 1890, his wife having passed away in January, 1872. They were the parents of a large family of children, six of whom reached mature years: Samuel John, born July 17, 1844, was an early volunteer in the Forty-First Ohio Infantry, and after being wounded was brought home and died May 2, 1863, at the age of nineteen; Martha Ann, who was born August 7, 1846, died September 17, 1902, just two weeks after the death of her husband, D. R. Johnson, who was a brother of the late Judge Johnson; James Renwick; Rutherford, born October 9, 1858, died at the age of twenty-two; Mary E., wife of Frank Clemens, living at Warren, Ohio; and Sarah M., wife of H. S. Klingman.

James Renwick Ewing acquired his early education in the public schools of Jackson Township, attended the old Poland Union Seminary, and on October 23, 1873, married Mary Lynn, of the prominent Lynn family of Canfield. She was born in the southwest part of Jackson Township April 7, 1854, a daughter of Levi Lynn.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Ewing moved to the Riddle farm, in which his mother had inherited a third interest. Assisted by his father James Ewing bought out the other heirs, and started with 100 acres. Later he bought fifty-four acres more, and then divided his property into two farms, building a new set of buildings on the south part. His son Renwick L. farmed this portion until his death two years later, and that land was then sold, leaving at

present seventy-seven acres of the old property. Mr. Ewing has spent his business life on this farm, has taken pride in its improvement and development and its productiveness, and for many years the place has been a dairy farm. His sons have been interested in the breeding of Jersey cattle for a number of years. The old home was a brick house, and Mr. Ewing replaced it with the present residence, modern in every respect, with acetylene lighting plant, running water, bath, and hot air furnace.

Mr. Ewing and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he has always been affiliated as a republican. He served nine years as trustee of the township, and his son George is one of the present trustees. His son Renwick also served as a trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing were the parents of four children. Mrs. Ewing died September 24, 1912, at the age of fifty-eight years and five months, and there were three deaths in the family just two years apart. The oldest of the children is Harmon R., born May 14, 1875, a successful attorney at Sebring, who married Nora Tibbitt, of Jackson Township, daughter of John and Almira Tibbitt, now living retired at Warren. Harmon Ewing and wife have one son, Howard, born November 24, 1902.

The second of the children was Austin Rutherford, who was born March 10, 1879, and died November 11, 1914. He was at the time of his death a sergeant on the police force at Youngstown and was killed while riding a fire truck to a fire, being thrown from the running board against a telephone pole. His wife was Anna Krause, adopted daughter of Lee Krause of Youngstown. She had been a professional nurse and since the death of her husband has resumed that profession in a hospital at Youngstown. She is the mother of one daughter, Ramah M., now eleven years of age.

Renwick L. Ewing, born December 14, 1881, died October 23, 1916. He was one of the progressive young farmers of Jackson Township and was active as a Jersey cattle man and in township affairs. He married Estella Williams, daughter of DeLos Williams of Ellsworth Township, and she is now living in Arizona.

The youngest of the family, George G. Ewing, was born September 21, 1886, and has spent his active life on the home farm. His brother Renwick had operated the homestead for five years before his death, and then George rented the land and is now in the full tide of his career as a farmer and stock raiser. He married Oneda Buntse, daughter of John and Jane Buntse, of Ellsworth Township. Their three children are Loren, born August 5, 1909; Robert A., born September 7, 1912; and Mary Jane, born April 17, 1915.